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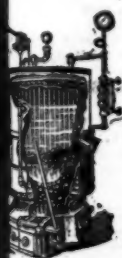
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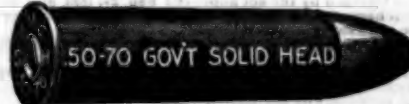
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## THE ARMY.

GROVER CLEVELAND, President, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

DANIEL S. LAMONT, Secretary of War.

LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.

G. O. 29, H. Q. A., March 27, 1893.

Publishes the following act of Congress: An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894.

G. O. 30, H. Q. A., April 3, 1893.

By direction of the President the following are established as the limits of punishment for fraudulent enlistment (with-out discharge from a prior enlistment, or as made punishable by act of Congress entitled "An act to amend the Articles of War, and for other purposes," approved July 27, 1862):

When a soldier has procured himself to be enlisted by false representation, or by concealment of a fact, in regard to a prior enlistment or discharge, or in regard to his conviction of a civil or military crime, the limit of punishment shall be dishonorable discharge, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for one year. In other cases of fraudulent enlistment the limit shall be dishonorable discharge, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for six months.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

R. WILLIAMS, Adj.-Gen.

Cir. 10, A. G. O., April 4, 1893.

The following decisions, rulings, etc., have been made, and are published to the Army for the information of all concerned:

I. PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.—When a post commander sits as a summary court no approval of the sentence is required by law. With reference to all other trials it is held that by the term "previous convictions," as used in General Orders, No. 21, 1891, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, is meant a conviction to which effect has been given by the approval of the sentence by competent authority. [Decision Sec. War, Mar. 2, '93—4002 A. G. O., 1893.]

II.—RETREAT ROLL-CALL.—The Secretary of War has approved the following decision of the Major-General Commanding the Army, and directs that the ceremony be observed at all posts:

"Retreat roll-call shall be conducted as formerly—the troops to be brought to parade rest and so remain until the retreat is sounded, and then be dismissed." [5330 A. G. O., 1893.]

III.—TRANSFERS.—When a transfer is made, under paragraph 148 of the Regulations, for benefit to be derived from a change of climate in the case of an enlisted man not on sick report, the commanding officer of the post, station or company to which the transfer is made will notify the medical officer on duty with his command of the status of the man in order that the report of the results called for by the Regulations may be made. [Decision Maj. Gen. Comdg. Army, Mar. 27, '93—5237 A. G. O.]

IV.—FORFEITURE OF RETAINED PAY BY SENTENCE.—Paragraph IV, Circular No. 1, January 11, 1892, Adjutant General's Office, is revoked, and the following substituted instead:

"Under the 583 Article of War an inferior court-martial has power to award a sentence forfeiting a specific amount of money equal to the soldier's pay, including retained pay, for one month; but when the sentence recites a forfeiture of pay for one month (or in a trial by general court-martial, of pay for several months), without a specification of a fixed amount, of without expressly including the retained pay, it will be held that the retained pay is not forfeited." [Decision Sec. War, Mar. 23, '93—40900 A. G. O., 1893.]

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

R. WILLIAMS, Adj.-Gen.

Cir. 11, A. G. O., WASHINGTON, April 5, 1893.

By direction of the Secretary of War the following is published to the Army for the information of all concerned:

I. The act of Congress approved Feb. 27, 1893, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, and for other purposes," contains the following provision: "And hereafter, in time of peace, no recruit shall be enlisted in the Army for the first time who is over thirty years of age, and no private shall be re-enlisted who has served ten years or more, or who is over thirty-five years of age, except such as have already served as enlisted men for twenty years or upwards."

II. As there is no specific provision of law for lance corporals or band musicians of regiments, they must be regarded as privates, and are therefore debarred from re-enlistment after having served ten years, or upon passing the age of thirty-five years, unless they shall have already served as enlisted men for twenty years or upwards.

III. The following classes of enlisted men, being specifically designated by law as of other grades than that of private, are not affected by the restrictions regarding re-enlistment imposed by the act approved Feb. 27, 1893, and soldiers discharged while serving in any of the grades named may be re-enlisted as heretofore:

Sergeant majors of cavalry, artillery, infantry, and engineers.

Quartermaster sergeants of cavalry, artillery, infantry, and engineers.

Chief musicians of regiments.

Chief trumpeters of cavalry.

Principal musicians of artillery and infantry.

Saddler sergeants of cavalry.

First sergeants of cavalry, artillery, and infantry.

Sergeants of cavalry, artillery, infantry, engineers, ordnance, and Signal Corps.

Corporals of cavalry, artillery, infantry, engineers, and ordnance.

Saddlers of cavalry.

Blacksmiths and farriers of cavalry.

Trumpeters of cavalry.

Musicians (company) of artillery, infantry, and engineers.

Artificers of artillery and infantry.

Wagoners of cavalry, artillery, and infantry.

Ordnance sergeants.

Commissary sergeants.

Post quartermaster sergeants.

Hospital stewards.

General Service clerks and messengers.

Musicians of the Military Academy band.

IV. In determining whether an enlisted man has served "for twenty years or upwards," service in the Volunteer forces mustered into the Service of the United States can be included.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

R. WILLIAMS, Adj.-Gen.

## CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

## Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Major Edwin B. Atwood, Q. M., is announced as Chief Q. M., Dept. Arizona (G. O. 6, March 29, D. Ariz.)

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Capt. W. W. Robinson, Jr., A. Q. M. (S. O. 38, March 31, D. Tex.)

## Medical Department.

The leave granted Capt. Edwin F. Gardner, asst. surg., is extended 23 days (S. O. 37, March 28, D. Mo.) A furlough for six months is granted Hsptl. Stwd. Wm. Muench, on duty at Fort Meade, S. D. (S. O. 40, March 29, D. Dak.)

Major Augustus A. De Loffre, surg., is relieved from further duty at Columbus Bks., O., and will report at Ft. Logan, Colo., for duty as post surgeon at that station (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Wm. H. Corbuser, asst. surg., will report at Columbus Bks., O., for temporary duty (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

Capt. W. B. Davis, asst. surg., now at Fort McIntosh, will proceed to Fort Bliss, Tex., for temporary duty (S. O. 38, March 31, D. Tex.)

So much of Par. 11, S. O. 10, Jan. 14, 1893, H. Q. A., as relates to Hsptl. Steward John Moser, is revoked. Hsptl. Steward Moser, now at Frankford Arsenal, Pa., will proceed to Chicago, Ill., for duty in connection with the exhibit of the Medical Department, World's Columbian Exposition (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)

## Pay Department.

The troops in the Dept. Texas will be paid to include the muster of March 31 as follows: At Fort Sam Houston, Camp Eagle Pass, Forts Clark, Hancock and Bliss, Tex., by Col. C. M. Terrell; at Camp at Leon Springs and Fort McIntosh, Texas, by Maj. C. C. Sniffen (S. O. 37, March 27, D. Tex.)

The troops in the Dept. of Arizona will be paid to include the muster of March 31 as follows: By Lt.-Col. J. P. Canby, at San Diego Bks., Cal., troops detached from post, and general service clerks and messengers at department headquarters; by Major A. S. Towar, at Fort Marcy, N. M., and troops detached from post; by Major J. P. Baker, at Whipple Bks., A. T., and troops detached from post (S. O. 45, March 27, D. Ariz.)

## Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

1st Lieut. Henry Jervy, C. E., is relieved from duty as I. S. A. P. 2d Lieut. Robert McGregor, C. E., is appointed I. S. A. P. for the troops serving under the command of the Chief of Engineers (G. O. 2, March 30, C. E.)

Lieut.-Col. John M. Wilson, C. E., having reported in person to the Chief of Engineers, is assigned to duty in charge of Public Buildings and Grounds in the District of Columbia, vice Major Oswald H. Ernst, C. E., who is relieved of that duty (G. O. 8, March 31, C. E.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Eugene W. Van C. Lucas, C. E., is extended one week (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

Corpl. C. E. Wade, Engineer Battalion, has been undergoing trial by C. M. this week upon sundry charges of irregularities while steward of the Post Exchange.

Capt. Frank Baker, O. D., Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa., will make not exceeding four visits to the establishment of the Wellman Iron and Steel Company, Thurlow, Pa., on public business (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Wm. B. Gordon, O. D., will repair to Washington, D. C., on public business in connection with the preparation of a paper for the "World's Congress Auxiliary" (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

The orders directing Ord. Serat. Albert C. Van Deusen to report to the C. O. Fort Preble, Me., is revoked (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

## Chaplains.

The leave granted Post Chaplain Wm. H. Scott is extended two months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

## THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

## 1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdgrs., C. F. G. H. and K., Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, B and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; L, Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, Va.; E, San Carlos, Ariz.—Indian troop.

Major John M. Hamilton is relieved from duty as A. I. G., Dept. of the Columbia, and will report to the Comdg. Gen., Dept. of the Platte for duty as A. I. G. of that department (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

## 3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdgrs. A and G, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; D and E, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; F, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; H, Ft. Riley, Kas.; C and I, Ft. Kingbird, Tex.; B, Ft. Brown, Tex.; M, Eagle Pass, Tex.; L, Fort Meade, S. D.—Indian troop.

Capt. G. A. Dodd will proceed from Ft. Hancock to El Paso, Tex., and return, on public business (S. O. 39, April 1, D. Tex.)

The leave granted 2d Lieut. George T. Langhorne is extended two months (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

## 5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdgrs., B, C, E, G, H, and L, Ft. Reno, Okla. T.; D, and H, Ft. Sill, Okla. T.; A and F, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. John M. Jenkins is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the South Carolina Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., for duty (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)

2d Lieut. John M. Jenkins will report to Lieut.-Col. Jacob Kline, 9th Inf., president of the examining board convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., at such time as he may be required by the board for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., April 4, H. Q. A.)

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about May 20, is granted 2d Lieut. Samuel G. Jones, Jr. (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)

Major Francis Moore is detailed as a member of the examining board convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., vice Major Camillo C. Carr, 8th Cav., relieved (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)

## 6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdgrs., A, E, G, H, and L, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C and F, Ft. McKimney, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; E, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

Major Adam Kramer is assigned to station at Ft. Niobrara, Neb. (S. O. 30, March 31, D. Platte.)

Major Adam Kramer is relieved from recruiting duty at No. 838 Spring Garden street, Philadelphia, Pa., and Capt. Erasmus C. Gilbreath will assume temporary charge of the rendezvous (S. O. 70, March 29, Rec. Ser.)

Leave for two months, to take effect from the date of his relief from recruiting duty, is granted Major Adam Kramer (S. O., April 4, H. Q. A.)

Serjt. Benjamin F. Noyes, Troop E, now at Fort Niobrara, Neb., is detailed for duty on recruiting service and will be sent to Jefferson Bks., Mo. (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

## 7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdgrs., A, C, E, G, H, and I, Ft. Riley, Kas.; B and D, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; F, Fort Myer, Va.; L, Ft. Bill, Okla. T.—Indian troop.—On detached service in Dept. of Texas.

The following transfers are made: Capts. Henry J. Nowlan, from Troop M to L; Edward G. Matthey, from Troop L to M; 1st Lieuts. Hugh L. Scott, from Troop H to L; Willard A. Holbrook, from Troop L to H (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

Major John M. Bacon is relieved from duty as A. I. G. Dept. of the Platte, and will report to the Comdg. Gen., Dept. of the Columbia for duty as A. I. G. of that department (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

## 8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; L, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. Richard L. Livermore, Fort Meade, S. D., will proceed to Fort Keogh, Mont., for duty with Troop L, "Casey's Scouts" (S. O. 40, March 29, D. Dak.)

Major Camillo C. Carr is relieved from the operation of War Department order of March 22, detailing him as a member of the G. C. M. at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. (S. O., April 3, H. Q. A.)

## 9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdgrs., A, D, E, F, G and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H, Fort Du Chesse, Utah; C, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; K, Fort Myer, Va.

Par. 2, S. O. 24, c. s., D. Platte, extending the leave of Col. James Biddle 23 days, is amended to authorize Col. Biddle to apply to the Adjutant-General of the Army, for an extension of two months (S. O. 23, March 27, D. Platte.)

Capt. John F. Guilfoyle, now at Omaha, Neb., will proceed to Fort Niobrara, Neb., on public business (S. O. 28, March 27, D. Platte.)

## 10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Misher.

Hdgrs., B, E, G and K, Ft. Custer, Mont.; C and F, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D and H, Ft. Buford, N. D.; A, Ft. Keogh, Mont.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of two months, is granted Major Theodore J. Wint (S. O. 39, March 27, D. Dak.)

Leave for one month, to take effect about April 20, with permission to apply for an extension of three months, is granted Capt. Joseph M. Kelley, Fort Custer, Mont. (S. O. 39, March 27, D. Dak.)

## 2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Loder.

Hdgrs., C, G, and M, Ft. Adams, B. I.; K, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A, and F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; H and L, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Louis Ostheim, special recruiting officer, is extended one month (S. O., April 4, H. Q. A.)

## 3rd Artillery, Colonel La Rhett L. Livingston.

Hdgrs., C, E, K, and L, Washington Bks., D. C.; A and G, Fort Barrancas, Fla.; H, Key West Bks., Fla.; B and I, Ft. Henry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.—Light battery.

So much of Par. 1, S. O. 65, c. s., as directs a detachment of two officers and 35 enlisted men to remain at Washington Bks., D. C., until the arrival of the new garrison, is rescinded (S. O. 66, April 3, D. East.)

Major Edward R. Williston, inspector of artillery, Dept. Mo., will proceed to Hoyt, Kas., and such other points in the department as may be directed by the department commander (S. O. 38, March 31, D. Mo.)

## 4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Oleson.

Hdgrs., A, C, E, G, I, K, L and M, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A, and H, Ft. Adams, B. I.—Light battery.

2d Lieut. Samuel A. Kephart, now attached to Bat. E, Washington Bks., D. C., will be relieved from duty with that battery and will remain on duty at Washington Bks., until the arrival there of the 4th Artillery, when he will join his proper battery (C) wherever it may be stationed (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

The following transfers are made: 1st Lieuts. Leverett H. Walker, from Bat. D to Light Bat. F; Jas. L. Wilson, from Light Bat. F to Bat. D (S. O., April 4, H. Q. A.)

## 5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdgrs., B, D, F, H, K, and L, Presi. "San Francisco, Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and G, Ft. Canby, Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; C, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

Major Tully McCrea is detailed as member of the board of officers ordered to assemble at Vancouver Bks., Wash., April 3, vice Capt. John W. Bubb, 4th Inf., relieved (S. O. 55, March 30, D. Col.)

## 1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdgrs., A, B, D, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C, E and F, Benicia Bks., Cal.

2d Lieut. Frank A. Wilcox is transferred from Co I to C (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

## 2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Omaha, Neb.—Indian Company.

## 4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdgrs., A, D, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; B, E, G and I, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.—Indian company.

Capt. John W. Bubb is relieved as member of the board of officers ordered to assemble at Vancouver Bks., Wash., April 3 (S. O. 55, March 30, D. Col.)

Capt. Horace Neide, having served over 30 years in the Army, is, on his own application, retired from active service (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)



**5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborn.**

Hdqs., D and E, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Jackson Bks., La.; C and G, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

To Sergt. A. M. Siler, Co. A, says the Kansas City Times, is due much credit for the efforts displayed Wednesday in saving one of the men thrown in the river by the upsetting of the sand boat. The sergeant witnessed the accident and by his exertions one of the men was saved.

Leave for one month, to take effect about April 15, is granted 2d Lieut. Lutz Wahl (S. O. 69, April 6, D. East.)

**6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.**

Hdqs., B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; E, Newport Barracks, Ky.; A, Ft. Wood, N. Y. H.

Of April 1 Pvt. Lewis R. Taft, Co. B, was appointed corporal (S. O. 32, April 1, Ft. Thomas, Ky.) Upon his own request, Corp. Edward Fox, Co. D, was on April 1 reduced to private (S. O. 32, April 1, Ft. Thomas, Ky.)

Under date of April 2 Col. Cochran announces the death of Sergt. Thomas Lynch, Co. G, which occurred at Fort Thomas, Ky., on the above date. Sergt. Lynch first enlisted Feb. 12, 1862, in the 18th Infantry, and was discharged on Lookout Mountain, Tenn., Feb. 12, 1865; enlisted Dec. 8, 1868, in the 36th Infantry, and was discharged May 15, 1869, and was assigned to the 6th Cavalry and afterwards transferred to Co. G, 6th Inf., with which organization his service has been continuous. He was promoted a corporal July 1, 1876, and has been a sergeant since March 7, 1877. During the late war Sergt. Lynch, while a prisoner at Andersonville, effected his escape and rejoined his command. In his death, says Col. Cochran, the Service loses a brave and faithful soldier, and his regiment an old and tried non-commissioned officer, whose record is conspicuous for conscientious and fearless discharge of duty. The funeral took place on April 3 (S. O. 53, April 2, Fort Thomas, Ky.)

The following promotion and appointment of non-commissioned officers was made in Co. G on April 4: Corp. Will L. Raymond to be sergeant, vice Lynch, deceased; Pvt. Daniel Dickey to be corporal, vice Raymond, promoted (S. O. 34, April 4, Fort Thomas, Ky.)

**5th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.**

Hdqs., A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.—Indian company.

2d Lieut. Ernest B. Giese, now at Lincoln, Neb., will conduct recruits to the Dept. of the Platte and then join his company (S. O., March 31, H. Q. A.)

**9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.**

Hdqs., B, C, D, E, F and G, Madison Bks., N. Y.; H, Plattburgh Bks., A, Fort Ontario, N. Y.

Major Ezra B. Ewers is relieved from recruiting duty at Davids Island, N. Y. H. (S. O. 70, March 20, Rec. Ser.)

Major Ezra P. Ewers is granted leave for one month, to commence April 11, with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 67, April 4, D. East.)

2d Lieut. Ambrose I. Moriarty will report to Col. Charles H. Tompkins, A. Q. M. Gen., president of the Army Retiring Board at Governor's Island (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

The extension of leave granted 2d Lieut. Arthur W. Yates is extended one month on surgeon's certificate (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)

**10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson.**

Hdqs., B and D, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; A and E, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, San Diego Bks., Cal.; E and G, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; I, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.—Indian company.

Principal Musician James J. McCarron, for drunkenness and other offences at Santa Fe recently, has been reduced to private and relegated to confinement at hard labor for three months.

**11th Infantry, Colonel Isaac D. DeRussy.**

Hdqs., A, C, D, and G, Whipple Barracks, A. T.; B, and E, San Carlos, A. T.; F, H and I, Fort Apache, A. T.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Millard F. Waltz is detailed recruiting officer at Fort Sully, S. D., vice 1st Lieut. George J. Godfrey, 22d Inf., relieved (S. O. 42, March 31, D. Dak.)

**15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. Crofton.**

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

The extension of leave granted 2d Lieut. Marcus Maxwell is further extended one day (S. O. 37, March 23, D. Mo.)

**16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.**

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Wm. Lassiter, recruiting officer, Knoxville, Tenn., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at Greenville, Tenn., April 6, 13, 20 and 27, on recruiting service (S. O. 71, March 30, Rec. Ser.)

**17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.**

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

A St. Louis despatch of April 3 says: Frederick Gille, an honorably discharged member of the 17th Regiment, was murdered some time within a week in a room in a lodging house at 2,020 Walnut street, and robbed of \$932. There is no clue to the murderers.

**18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.**

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, G and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.; E, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

2d Lieut. C. E. Hays is assigned to the command of the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, now at Fort Ringgold, Tex., relieving 2d Lieut. P. G. Lowe, ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kas. (S. O. 38, March 31, D. Tex.)

Leave for one month, to take effect about May 16, with permission to apply for an extension of five months, is granted Capt. C. H. Potter (S. O. 38, March 31, D. Tex.)

**20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.**

Hdqs., A, B, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C and I, Camp Poplar River, Mont.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Harry C. Hale, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.,

will report for duty at St. Paul, Minn., at Dept. of Dakota Hdqs. (S. O. 40, March 20, D. Dak.)

**21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.**

Hdqs., A, C and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B and H, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; D, F, G, and I, Fort Sidney, Neb.—Indian company.

Sergt. Amos Black, Co. A, a veteran soldier of faithful service, died at Fort Niagara, March 30, and was buried with funeral honors March 31.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Edward H. Brooke, R. Q. M., is extended one month (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

**22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.**

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, F, G, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; I, Ft. Yates, N. D.; E, Fort Pembina, N. D.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. George J. Godfrey is relieved from further duty at Fort Sully, S. D. (S. O. 38, March 23, D. Dak.)

Capt. C. W. Mixer, commanding Fort Pembina, says of Sergt. Adolf Weller, retired, late Co. E: "In issuing the order which ends Sergt. Weller's connection with the active list of the Army, it is a pleasure to the commanding officer to be able to testify from his own personal knowledge to the honesty and faithfulness of Sergt. Weller's service. Thirty years' of service without the record of a court-martial, confinement or reproach is a record of which he may well be proud."

**23rd Infantry, Colonel John J. Coppinger.**

Hdqs., A, C, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B and D, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

1st Lieut. Lea Febiger is detailed as assistant to the Chief Q. M. at Dept. of Texas Hdqs., and will relieve Capt. W. W. Robinson, Jr., A. Q. M., of his duties during the absence of that officer on leave (S. O. 38, March 31, D. Tex.)

**25th Infantry, Colonel Andrew S. Burt.**

Hdqs., F, G, and H, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Custer, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Buford, N. D.

Co. D, Capt. Owen Sweet, left Fort Custer, March 25, for Camp Merritt, near the Cheyenne Agency, for station during the coming summer to feel the warlike pulse of the noble Cheyennes. Lieuts. O'Neill and Burkhardt are with the company.—K. C. Times.

(For Late Army Orders see Page 550.)

Appointments, etc., recorded in the A.-G. O., March 25, 1893.

**APPOINTMENT.****Military Academy.**

1st Lieut. Wright P. Edgerston, 2d Art., to be associate professor of mathematics, March 14, 1893, to fill an original vacancy.

**PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS.****Quartermaster's Department.**

Capt. Charles W. Williams, a. q. m., to be q. m. with the rank of maj., March 4, 1893, vice McGonnigle, retired from active service.

**Cavalry and Infantry Arms.**

See assignments of officers in last week's JOURNAL.

**CASUALTY.**

1st Lieut. John A. Towens, 2d Art., died March 23, 1893, at Anderson, S. C.

**Week ending April 3, 1893.**

Sergt. Augustus De Camp (retired), died March 22, 1893, at Newark, N. J.

**Courts-martial.**

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Niagara, N. Y., April 10. Detail: Capt. Joseph W. Duncan, 21st Inf.; Reuben L. Robertson, asst.-surg.; Chas. A. Williams, 1st Lieut. Wilson Y. Stammer, 2d Lieut. James W. McAndrew, Wm. M. Morrow, John J. O'Connell, 21st Cav., and 1st Lieut. Solomon E. Sparrow, adjt., J. A. (S. O. 68, April 8, D. East.)

At Fort Myer, Va., April 10. Detail: Capt. Martin B. Hughes, 9th Cav.; Peter S. Bonus, 1st Cav.; John L. Phillips, asst.-surg.; Samuel W. Fountain, 5th Cav.; 1st Lt. J. F. Reynolds Landis, 1st Cav.; Wm. H. Baldwin, 7th Cav.; Matthew F. Steele, 8th Cav.; 2d Lieut. Alexander W. Perry, 9th Cav.; Robert Sewall, 7th Cav., and 1st Lieut. James W. Benton, 9th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 68, April 8, D. East.)

At Fort Bowie, A. T., April 3. Detail: Capt. Wm. C. Rawlins, Joshua L. Fowler, 2d Cav.; Richard W. Johnson, asst.-surg.; 1st Lieut. Roger B. Bryan, 2d Lieut. John S. Winn, 3d Cav.; Douglas Settle, 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Herbert H. Barget, 2d Cav., J. A. (S. O. 47, March 29, D. Ariz.)

**Army Boards.**

An Army retiring board is appointed to meet from time to time, at the call of the president thereof, at Governor's Island, New York City, for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it. Detail: Col. Chas. H. Tompkins, A. Q. M. G.; Chas. Page, A. S. G.; Lieut.-Col. Alex. C. M. Pennington, 4th Art.; Maj. Wm. L. Harkin, 1st Art.; John Van B. Hays, asst.-surg.; and Capt. Henry P. Kingsbury, 6th Cav., recorder (S. O., April 1, H. Q. A.)

**Changes of Station.**

The Secretary of War has approved the following changes: Troop C, 9th Cav. (Taylor's), will be relieved from duty at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., and proceed to such station in the Dept. of the Platte as may be designated by the department commander; Troop F, 6th Cav. (Carter's), from duty in the Dept. of the Platte and proceed for station to Fort Leavenworth, Kas. The movements will take place as soon as practicable (S. O., April 4, H. Q. A.)

**Retirements of Enlisted Men.**

The following enlisted men, now at the stations designated, are, upon their own application, placed upon the retired list: Pvt. John Farrell, Detachment Army Service Men, Q. M. Dept., Military Academy, West Point; Sergt. David Ryan, Provost Guard, General L. Service, Military Prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.; and Ord.-Sergt. Albert C. Van Deusen, Washington Bks., D. C. (S. O., April 5, H. Q. A.)

Artillery Changes.—2d Artillery.—On May 1, 1893, the colonel, lieutenant colonel, regimental staff, band, and Batteries E (Turbutt), K (Smith), and L (Hess), will proceed from Washington Bks., D. C., and Batteries D (Knower), and I (Myrick), from Ft. McHenry, Md., to Ft. McPherson, Ga., and there take station. 4th Artillery.—On April 17, 1893, Battery D (Leary) will proceed from Ft. Barrancas, Fla., to Ft. McHenry, Md., and there take station. On May 1, 1893, the colonel, Maj. Jacob B. Rawles, the regimental staff, band and Batteries A (Howe), G (Kennis), I (Chase), and M (Fugler) will proceed from Ft. McPherson, Ga., to Washington Bks., D. C., and there take station. Maj. Geo. B. Rodney, and Batteries C (Strong), and L (Cushing), will proceed from Ft. McPherson, Ga., to Ft. McHenry, Md., and there take station. Batteries K (Greenough) and H (Stewart), designated for Ft. Monroe, Va., when barracks for them are ready, will remain at Ft. McPherson, Ga., until further orders. (S. O. 68, D. E., April 1.)

Discharged for Worthlessness, etc.—Several company commanders having endorsed on applications of men for discharge by purchase, a recommendation that they be discharged for worthlessness, etc., the Adjutant-General in a letter of March 28, 1893, says: "Applications for discharge on account of fraud, worthlessness, etc., should come from the immediate commander of the man whose discharge is desired, and he should state the specific reasons for discharge. The difficulty mentioned in the case referred to is that the application for discharge came from the man himself. It hardly seems proper to discharge a man for fraud or worthlessness on his own application for discharge by favor. \* \* \* The recommendation for discharge for fraud, worthlessness, etc., should be by an original and independent paper or proceeding, it should not be by endorsement upon an application from the man himself."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

**WEST POINT.**

MARCH 29, 1893.

THE departure of Col. Wilson and the arrival of his successor, Col. Ernst, have formed the topics of general interest during the past week. The ex superintendent and Mrs. Wilson were the guests of honor at a reception given by Col. and Mrs. Larned on Wednesday evening. Col. Wilson took leave of the Corps of Cadets at the mess hall during the dinner hour on Thursday. In a few well-chosen words the departing superintendent bade farewell to the young men whose interest and welfare he has at all times had at heart. Col. Ernst, who arrived on Saturday evening, is the guest of Col. Bass. By Orders No. 48, April 1, he assumed command of the academy and of the post of West Point.

The U. S. M. A. band gave a farewell serenade to Colonel Wilson on Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock and a serenade of welcome to Col. Ernst on Tuesday afternoon immediately after parade. The officers of the post accompanied Col. Wilson to the West Shore station on Thursday afternoon, there bidding him "au revoir," as he expects to return for a day during the present month (April 12). It is rumored that he will again return in June to attend the graduation of "his class," '93, which rumor we trust is well founded. On Monday the officers of the post paid their respects to the new superintendent.

With the return of pleasant weather, interest in out-door sports is revived. As announced last week the season promises well in this respect. The first annual bowling tournament took place in the gymnasium on Saturday evening. The teams were matched as follows: The 2d Class team against the 4th, the 1st against the 3d. The winning teams played each other. In the former contest the 4th Class was successful, in the latter, the 3d. In the final game the honors were carried off by the 4th Class.

Riding on the plain in the morning at 11 o'clock for the 1st and 2d Classes, artillery and engineering drills for all in the afternoon, fill up the hours not devoted to academic duties at this season. Dress parade follows drill. The first parade of the season took place last Friday afternoon. Capt. Lusk reported for duty on March 31.

The father of Cadet Hall, D. P. of the 4th Class, died suddenly on Friday morning. Lieut. F. W. Sladen, 14th Inf., received a warm welcome from his many friends at the post during a very brief visit early in the week. Lieut. Sladen was best man at the wedding of his classmate, Lieut. F. B. Keech, 5th Inf., and Miss Clara Jay Williams, which took place at St. Bartholomew's Church, N. Y., on Tuesday afternoon. Lieut. C. D. Palmer, 4th Art., stationed at West Point, was an usher at the same wedding.

Lieut. T. Bentley Mott, 1st Art., stationed at West Point, was one of the ushers at the wedding of Lieut. C. B. Wheeler and Miss Lenthilow which took place at Trinity Chapel, N. Y., on Monday evening.

The Easter hop on Saturday of the present week will be as well attended as usual, it is expected. The following Saturday, April 15, will be the first of the field days which will occur periodically under the auspices of the Athletic Association and promises a great variety of interest.

On Saturday evening, April 16, a cotillion will be given by Mrs. Carson and Miss Michie at the hotel. About sixteen couples will participate in the dance, for which invitations have been issued.

The Easter services at the various churches at the post and in the vicinity were well attended. The music rendered by the choir at the cadet chapel was unusually good. The floral decorations were simple, but very beautiful.

The funeral of Miss Celia Rigney, a daughter of ex-Sergt. Rigney, took place on Sunday afternoon at Highland Falls.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

**FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAS.**

HANCOCK HALL is now a thing of the past. It has been torn down and the ground thereabouts will be cleared to improve the appearance of the new bachelor building. The new bachelor building has not yet been given a name. Undoubtedly suggestions would be in order.

Gen. Walcott, who has been visiting his son Lieut. Walcott, has left.

Col. Crofton was a recent visitor at the post, staying with his daughter, Mrs. Walcott.

Miss Lacey has left for Ft. Washakie, where her father, Maj. Lacey is in command.

One week ago to-day a boy arrived in the family of Lieut. and Mrs. Fuller.

Capt. Van Schrader has returned from a month's leave of absence, and is the recipient of many congratulations on having at last attained his other bar. He had been jumped by about forty lieutenants, and everyone was glad to see him promoted so as to put a stop to anything further of the kind.

On Friday Lieut. and Mrs. Peary, U. S. Navy, of Arctic fame, visited the post. They were entertained by Capt. and Mrs. Pope, who gave a reception for them. Lieut. Peary is lecturing hereabouts and thereby raising money for another Arctic expedition.

Owing to the big Court-martial that is to meet here this week and to the examining board to convene in a day or two, there will be about fifteen visiting officers here, U.

A most dastardly attempt to blow up the quarters of Troop F, 2d Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Samuel Swigert, was discovered March 31, in time to prevent not only the destruction of the buildings, but a great loss of life, about thirty members of the troop being in the quarters at the time.

Shortly after 1 P. M., Friday, Pvt. Wilson of Troop C, 9th Cav., discovered some fuses lying on the basement and found it came from burning rags, which had been laid so as to connect with a can of powder, containing not less than fifteen pounds. With the assistance of other soldiers he extinguished the burning rags.

Every effort has been made to find the perpetrator of the deed, but so far unavailing.

**NO TELEPHONE FOR THE ARMY.**

THE Second Controller of the Treasury Department has decided that telephones for the army are not authorized under any known law. Some one wanted to erect a telephone at Fort Grant, Arizona, between buildings at that post at distances which the Controller thinks ridiculously short. The Signal Service may carry its telephone, as it does, by an arrangement of portable reels, by which it may throw out a line with rapidity from a scene of battle to the rear, but beyond this feature of the Signal Service the Controller has decided that the purchase of telephones cannot be made out of the appropriation for contingent expenses or that for incidental expenses for the army.



## PERSONAL ITEMS.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER W. H. FROST, U. S. N., registered at the Waldorf, New York City, on Tuesday.

P. A. ENGINEER F. M. BENNETT, U. S. N., left for Chicago last Sunday, March 22, and will remain during the Exposition.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER C. N. OFFLEY, U. S. N., of the Chicago, is in Georgetown, D. C., on leave, and will remain until some time next week.

SURGEON J. H. HALL, U. S. N., was in Washington last week with his brother, and met many old friends. Dr. Hall is on the retired list and is living at Huntsville, Mo.

ENSIGN I. K. SKYMOOR, U. S. N., has been detailed for duty on the *Albatross*, now refitting for sea at the Mare Island Navy-yard. Mr. Seymour's last cruise was on that station.

THE marriage of Miss Skerrett, daughter of Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett, U. S. N., to Mr. Fred. Mattison is announced to take place April 12 at St. John's Church, Washington, D. C.

CHIEF ENGINEER HENRY W. FITCH, U. S. N., from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, was at the Bureau of Steam Engineering last week, and conversed with the engineer-in-chief on business matters.

CHIEF ENGINEER G. W. MAOER, U. S. N., of the *Montanmorello*, has recovered his health sufficiently to return to duty, but is still suffering from the knee trouble which has afflicted him for many months.

PAYMASTER J. C. SULLIVAN, U. S. N., is in Washington and proposes to bring to a focus the troubles in which he has been engaged on account of the alleged utterances on the Mexican concerning the Bering Sea matter.

A RECENT Fort Monroe despatch says: Admiral Sherardi is gradually recovering his health, but is still far from well. He has the grip, and it is attended with a fearful cough that racks the robust commander-in-chief terribly.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER H. G. LEOPOLD, U. S. N., took his departure for the Pacific coast last week, and reported on the Coast Survey steamer *Patterson* at the Mare Island Navy-yard. This vessel will take part in the Bering Sea patrol the coming season.

MR. ABRAHAM ELLIOTT HART, of Colorado Springs, Col., a recent addition to the Colorado Commandery of the Loyal Legion, is a son of the late Lieut.-Comdr. John F. Hart, U. S. Navy, who was killed in action June 11, 1863, while in command of U. S. S. *Albatross*.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, WM. MCADOO, was given a dinner at the Lotus Club, N. Y. City on April 1 by Mr. Geo. F. Spinney, publisher of the *Times*, and Lieut. G. L. Carden, U. S. R. M. A few intimate friends of the Assistant Secretary were also present.

CHIEF ENGINEER JACKSON McELMELL, U. S. N., president of the Engineer Examining Board at Philadelphia, was at the Navy Department during the past week on business connected with his duty, and was welcomed by many warm friends of both services.

CHIEF ENGINEER WEBSTER, of the Navy, is a member of the board appointed to conduct the trials of machinery of the *Delaware*, and left Washington on Wednesday of the present week on this duty. On its conclusion he will resume duties at the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

THE report recently published to the effect that Chief Engr. Greene, of the *Charles*, would soon request examination by the Retiring Board, is said to lack foundation. Notwithstanding the impairment of his health by arduous service, he will probably remain his full term aboard the *Charles*.

LIEUTENANT L. L. REAMEY, U. S. N., left Washington on Wednesday of this week for duty on the speed trials of the *Delaware*, and was accompanied as far as New York by Mrs. Reamey and child. Lieut. Reamey is the secretary of the Board of Line Officers of which Rear Admiral G. R. Belknap, U. S. N., is president.

A DISSENTING rumor floated around Washington last week to the effect that Secretary Herbert had in contemplation the recall of many, if not all, of the extended leaves which are now being enjoyed by many Navy officers, but nothing definite seems to have been done, and it remains to be seen what action the new Secretary will take in the matter.

LIEUTENANT VREELAND is receiving many congratulations over his recent assignment to duty as naval attaché at Rome. His station includes Berlin, and it is probable that Lt. Vreeland will be expected to do more in the way of accumulation of valuable information from abroad than any of his predecessors. Mrs. Vreeland will accompany her husband abroad.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR H. M. WELLS, U. S. N., is devoting considerable time and no end of work to the study of the question as to who are eligible to become members of the M. O. L. U. S. This question is expected to create no little discussion at the coming convention of the order at Minneapolis, and there is a feeling that some modification of the present rules governing admission to the Order is imperatively demanded. It is understood that several naval officers whose claim to the right of membership has hitherto been denied will again apply for the privileges of the Order. The typical case, upon which the argument will be made, is that of Comdr. Theodore F. Jewell, U. S. N. Strenuous efforts will be made to prevent the opening of the doors any wider and a sharp contest is likely.

REGULAR Army and Navy Union, Capt. Henry F. Picking Garrison, No. 3, Erie, Pa., March 30, resolved that as Comdr. Geo. E. Wingate, U. S. N., has always proven a true friend and kind adviser to the men under his command; therefore he be unanimously elected as an honorary member of the Garrison. Robt. S. Dame, Wm. M. Gardner and Wm. West, committee.

COLONEL GEO. F. TOWLE, U. S. A., retired, on a tour broad, was at last accounts at Florence, Italy.

MAJOR J. H. CALEY, 2d U. S. Art., rejoined at Ft. Trumbull, Conn., early in the week, from a short post leave.

GENERAL MARTIN D. HARDIN, U. S. A., of Chicago, registered at the Grand Hotel, New York City, on Monday.

LIEUTENANT F. P. FREMONT, 3d U. S. Inf., left Bedlow's Island, New York Harbor, on Monday, to be absent for a week.

GENERAL CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER, U. S. A., rejoined at Chicago this week from a short leave, during which he visited Washington, D. C.

MAJOR E. A. KOEPPER, surgeon, U. S. A., in charge of the Medical Department at Willets Point, N. Y. Harbor, is visiting at Phoenixville, Pa.

GENERAL FRANK WHEATON, U. S. A., and Lieut. Mallory, A. D. C., have returned to San Antonio from a visit to the posts on the Rio Grande.

CHAPLAIN I. N. RITNER, U. S. A., of Ft. Keogh, has been appointed a member of the advisory council on religious congresses at the Columbian Exposition.

CAPTAIN W. G. SPENCER, assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, of Ft. Omaha, who has been seriously ill, will spend a couple of months on leave for purposes of recuperation.

CAPTAIN PHILIP READE, U. S. A., contributes to the Springfield (Ill.) *Argus* of March 19 and 20 an interesting and exhaustive article on "Rifle Progress in the United States."

CAPTAIN J. W. POPE, U. S. A., commandant of the Military Prison, Ft. Leavenworth, and Mrs. Pope gave a reception March 31, in honor of Civil Engineer R. E. Peary, U. S. N., and Mrs. Peary.

CAPTAIN W. B. GORDON, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., on duty at Cold Spring, N. Y., will visit Washington, D. C., to prepare a paper to be read before the Congress Auxiliary of the Columbian Exposition.

MAJOR FERRA P. EWERS, 9th U. S. Inf., whose recent promotion takes him to Madison Barracks, N. Y., will spend a couple of months on leave before joining there. He will bid farewell to Davis Island early next week.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. A. SPALDING, of Saugerties on the Hudson, N. Y., are visiting Gen. and Mrs. Wheaton at San Antonio, on their way to the City of Mexico and California. Mrs. Spalding is a cousin of Mrs. Wheaton's.

THE retirement April 7 of Lieut. Col. C. B. McLellan, 1st U. S. Cavalry, causes the following promotions in the Cavalry arm: Maj. J. M. Bacon, 7th, to Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. E. M. Hayes, 5th, to Major; 1st Lieut. H. W. Wheeler, 5th, to Captain; 2d Lieut. Malvern Hill Barnum, 3d, to 1st Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT A. I. MORIANTY, 9th U. S. Infantry of Fort Ontario, but lately at Hot Springs, Ark., will come to Governor's Island to be again examined for retirement as soon as Gen. Chas. H. Tompkins, U. S. A., president of the Retiring Board, now South on an official visit, shall have returned to Governor's Island.

AMONG recent transfers to the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion from other commanderies are: Gen. T. G. Pithers and George D. Ruggles, U. S. A.; Col. G. M. Brayton and Gaines Lawson, U. S. A.; Capt. W. L. Pitcher, 8th U. S. Infantry; Lieut. J. F. R. Landis, 1st U. S. Cavalry; Lieut. E. W. Evans, 8th U. S. Cav., and Lieut. E. J. Dorn, U. S. N.

MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., who has been on a visit to military posts in the South, is expected to rejoin at Governor's Island next week. He was in Alabama early this week and afterwards went to Florida. A Mobile despatch says: "Gen. Howard's visit is to observe personally if the Southern Army posts have good water and perfect drainage in view of the possibility of a cholera invasion this Spring. He is also inspecting Southern harbors and inquiring what should be done to properly fortify them. He says there is a prospect of erecting another military post in Florida. The General has met many old Army friends here and has been well received. He speaks highly of Secretary of War Lomont."

THE Holland Society has retaliated upon ex-Lt. Edward S. Farrow by having him arrested on the charge of forging a deed to the hotel site at Barnegat Park. Mr. Farrow was arrested on leaving the evening train from New York and was taken before Justice David Anderson of Bayville and committed to jail. The next morning his counsel made application for release on bail before two Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, who were hastily summoned. The bail was fixed at \$1,000, with Emmet W. Farrow as security. The trial was set for April 12. Lt. Farrow said that he considered his arrest as a mere trick to lower him before the public and to influence, if possible, the decision to be rendered next week by the New York Supreme Court in a suit between him and the trust company. He took occasion to deny all knowledge of divorce proceedings on the part of his wife. She was with her family in Delaware, he said.

THE Pennsylvania Commandery of the Loyal Legion, in an obituary notice of the late General Samuel Wylie Crawford, U. S. Army, says:

Incidents of his gallantry on the many fields of battle in which he was an active and intrepid participant might be recited. At ever memorable Gettysburg he led that gallant division—the Pennsylvania Reserves—and in the charge across the Valley of Death Gen. Crawford seized the colors of one of his intrepid regiments and led his men across the vale and to victory. The confidence and esteem with which he was regarded by all whom he ever commanded evidenced that he was a soldier and gentleman. He was severely wounded at Antietam, the result of which brought him great physical suffering in later life. Cultured, refined, dignified and courteous, possessed of admirable intellectual attainments, he pursued travel and study, and no American was more welcome at European and Oriental courts, no citizen was held in higher esteem by his countrymen, and no soldier was held in greater affection than Maj.-Gen. S. Wylie Crawford.

MISS SOPHIA PAGE, daughter of Lieut. Col. J. H. Page, 2d Inf., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Delaney in St. Louis.

FRANCIS's Minister of War in the latest cabinet is Gen. Loissillow, and the Minister of Marine, Admiral Rieunier.

MAJOR E. K. RUSSELL, 1st U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., early in the week, from a short post leave.

LIEUTENANT W. J. SNOW, 1st U. S. Artillery, absent from Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H., on leave, will return to duty about April 25.

CAPTAIN JAMES H. SANDS, U. S. A., retired, of Tolono, Ill., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Holaday, at Henrietta, Tex.

GENERAL W. P. CARLIN, U. S. A., has recently been transferred from the Nebraska to the District of Columbia commandery of the Loyal Legion.

LIEUTENANT H. C. HALE, 20th U. S. Infantry, was expected in St. Paul this week to report to General Ruger for duty at Headquarters Department of Dakota.

LIEUTENANT G. F. E. HARRISON, 2d U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Adams early in the week from a trip to Providence, R. I., on regimental recruiting duty.

LIEUTENANT W. P. STONE, 4th U. S. Artillery, has recently taken charge of the Ordnance Department at Fort McPherson, Ga., under the direction of Col. Clouston.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE BLAKELY, 2d U. S. Artillery, has entered upon the duties of post adjutant at Ft. Warren, Mass., in succession of Lieut. Le Roy S. Lyon, 21 Artillery.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. B. McLELLAN, 1st U. S. Cavalry, to whose long and efficient services we referred last week, was duly retired for age on Friday of this week, April 7.

CAPTAIN W. P. VAN NEEB, 1st U. S. Artillery, whose recruiting headquarters is at Jersey City, visited Princeton, N. J., this week, and established a sub-rendevous at that point.

COLONEL E. B. WILLISTON, U. S. A., of Gen. Miles's staff, is a recent visitor at Ft. Riley, Kan., to inspect the light artillery battalion. It is needless to say he received a hearty welcome from his many friends at Riley.

CAPTAIN GEO. A. DODD, 3d U. S. Cav., has returned to Ft. Hancock, Tex., from Juarez, Mex., where he went to take the necessary steps to secure the extradition of Pvt. Frank Greene, Troop F, 3d Cav., who recently deserted while on duty as sentinel.

MR. ARTHUR N. CHAMBERLIN, for several years past on duty as stenographer, typewriter, etc., in the office of the Commanding General, Department of the East, has resigned to accept the position of chief clerk to Capt. Guy Howard, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A.

LIEUTENANT T. J. CLAY, 10th U. S. Infantry, is expected to arrive at Ft. Barrancas, Fla., early next week with Indian Co. I, of that regiment. After delivering his charges at that post, Lieut. Clay will start for Ft. Marcy, N. M.

THE Chicago Tribune relates that when Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A., was in Chattanooga recently he met a beggar, part of whose hand had been amputated. The General, holding out his own empty sleeve, remarked smilingly: "You are better off than I am, for you have your left arm, while I lost mine." The beggar gravely searched in his tattered jean pocket, produced 15 cents, and turning to General Howard said: "Here, this is all I've got, but you're welcome to it." While the bystanders smiled, the General got out a silver dollar for the beggar.

"There is nothing surprising, says the Washington Star, in the enthusiasm which greeted the announcement that Col. John M. Wilson, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., had been ordered to return to his old post as commissioner of public buildings and grounds. He was in every respect an admirable official, closely attentive to his duties and most popular in intellectually social circles. Col. Ernst, who changes station with Col. Wilson, has done admirably and has at all times consistently defended and preserved the parks which are such delightful features in the capital's make-up. He may well be proud of his record and can consider himself thanked by the people whom he has so acceptably represented and served during the past four years."

NEW YORK CITY was this week the scene of two military weddings. The first was that on April 4, at Trinity Chapel, of Lieut. C. B. Brewster, Ordnance Dept., U. S. A., to Zella Lentillon, eldest daughter of Mr. Jos. Lentillon. Miss Lentillon made a very pretty bride as she entered the church and passed up the aisle leaning on the arm of her father. She was attired in a superb gown of white satin richly embroidered in pearls and draped with rare old lace, which, like the lace veil, was worn by her mother on her wedding day. Her only attendants were her two sisters, Miss Marie Lentillon and Miss Emily Lentillon. Lieut. Wheeler, with his best man, Lieut. Fremont Peck, U. S. A., met the bride at the entrance to the chancel. The ushers were the bride's two brothers, Mr. Jos. Lentillon and Mr. Eugene Lentillon, Lts. A. W. Perry, W. W. Gibson, W. C. Rafferty and T. Bentley Mott, all of the Army. There were numerous military guests and friends in civil life at the wedding. A reception and supper followed the ceremony, after which the married couple left for Galveston, Tex., where Lt. Wheeler's parents reside. They will later go to Chicago, the groom's post of duty. The second marriage was that April 4, at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, of Lt. F. B. Keech, 5th U. S. Inf., to Miss Clara Jay Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Williams. Lt. F. W. Sladen was best man, and the ushers were Lts. C. S. Brownell, J. F. McInnes, S. Cosby, W. M. Whitman, W. Uline and O. D. Palmer. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and then the married couple left on a tour. Lt. Keech will leave the service by resignation April 30.



COLONEL I. D. DE RUSSY, 11th U. S. Infantry, and Mrs. De Russy, who are now in the East, are recent visitors at Old Point Comfort, Va.

LIEUTENANT SEBASTIAN SMITH, 2d U. S. Artillery, for a short time past on special duty at Washington, D. C., rejoined at Fort Adams, R. I., this week.

MR. ARCHIBALD FORBES has an interesting military article in *Scribner's* for April entitled "Historic Moments—The Crisis of the Schlipka Pass."

LIEUTENANT E. B. GOSSE, 8th U. S. Infantry, lately visiting at Lincoln, Nebraska, has gone to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, to conduct recruits to the Platte.

COLONEL H. M. LAZELLE, 18th U. S. Infantry, has relinquished duty at Ft. Clark, Texas, and will spend several months abroad for the benefit of his health.

We regret to learn of the death at Camden, N. J., March 18, of Mrs. Annie M. Randall, wife of Captain E. L. Randall, 5th U. S. Infantry of Fort Leavenworth.

MAJOR E. B. ATWOOD, quartermaster, U. S. A., has now got settled in Los Angeles, Cal., and has taken charge of quartermaster matters in the Dept. of Arizona.

LIEUTENANT J. M. JENKINS, 5th U. S. Cavalry, who is a South Carolinian, has received an agreeable detail to college duty at the Military Academy at Charleston, S. C.

The engagement is announced in Portland, Ore., of Miss Helen Burrell, a wealthy young lady of that city, and Lieut. Gordon Voorhees, 4th Cav., stationed at Ft. Walla Walla.

MR. GEORGE W. GROVE, son of the late Lieutenant Thomas G. Grove, U. S. Navy, died in Washington, D. C., March 29, aged twenty-three. Lieutenant Grove died several years ago.

CAPTAIN H. C. CARBAUGH, acting judge-advocate, U. S. A., after a pleasant detail at San Antonio since April 7, 1890, now goes to St. Paul for duty at Gen. Merritt's headquarters.

LIEUTENANT A. W. PERRY, 9th U. S. Cavalry, rejoined at Ft. Myer, Va., the latter part of this week from a visit to New York to attend the marriage of Lieut. Wheeler to Miss Lenthilhon.

GENERAL WESLEY MERRITT, U. S. A., is a recent visitor at Fort Monroe, where he visited Rear Admiral Gherardi on the *Philadelphia* and was received with the honors due his rank.

MAJOR C. C. CARR, 8th U. S. Cavalry, has been relieved from duty as a member of the important General Court-martial which met at Fort Leavenworth this week owing to the death of his wife.

THE Duke of Connaught, son of Queen Victoria, is to be promoted full general this year. He entered the Army as a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in June, 1865, and became a major-general May 29, 1880.

MISS MARY HOLABIRD, a lovely young girl of thirteen years of age, daughter of Mr. William Holabird, and grand-daughter of General S. B. Holabird, U. S. A., retired, died at Evanston, Ill., March 20.

LIEUTENANT D. M. MCCARTHY, 12th U. S. Infantry, located at Evansville, Ind., at a celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the above city sang the "Wearing of the Green" so effectively that he was encored four different times.—*K. C. Times*.

In the State Senate of Ohio, March 29, there was passed a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to issue a commission to Capt. Frank D. Baldwin, 5th U. S. Inf., as Lieut.-Colonel of the 19th Michigan Infantry, to date from May 15, 1865.

A GENERAL Court-martial was to organize on Tuesday of this week at Ft. Leavenworth, with Col. Forsyth, president, and Capt. Taylor, 4th Art., judge advocate, for the trial of Capt. W. S. Johnson, U. S. A., retired, of Springfield, Mo., for duplications of pay accounts.

MAJOR ADAM KRAMER, 6th U. S. Cav., has relinquished recruiting at Philadelphia, Pa., preparatory to joining his regiment in Nebraska. He is to be congratulated that his recent promotion continues him in his old regiment, with which he has been identified for the past twenty-seven years.

LIEUTENANT W. G. ELLIOT, 9th U. S. Infantry, is a recent arrival at Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., for duty with Indian Co. 1, 12th U. S. Infantry, which is short of commissioned officers. Lieut. Elliot's experience with Indians while on duty in Arizona makes him well qualified for this special duty.

Among candidates for membership in the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion, to be balloted for this week are Mr. D. R. Case, son of the late Rear Admiral Case, U. S. N.; Lieut. J. W. Benton, 9th U. S. Cav., son of the late Col. J. G. Benton, U. S. Army; Mr. J. W. Richardson, son of the late Assistant Surgeon W. R. Richardson, U. S. Navy; Mr. W. R. Morgan, son of Gen. M. E. Morgan, U. S. A., and Ensign W. V. Pratt, U. S. N.

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. BATCHELOR, Jr., 20th Infantry, author of "Infantry Fire," has had his compilation highly praised by one of the best authorities in Europe, Captain Maude, author of "Tactics and Organization," etc., military correspondent of the *London Times*, etc. Captain Maude was furnished with a copy of Lieutenant Batchelor's work by Lieutenant R. K. Evans, 12th U. S. Infantry, military attaché at Berlin, and in acknowledging its receipt, states that he "read it with the greatest interest, and really thinks the author deserves the thanks of the Anglo-Saxon race for sorting out the real inwardness from the pile of diffuse twaddle in which foreigners have befogged themselves and us."

SPARKING of the Battalion of Cadets, University of Tennessee, a correspondent of the *Knoxville Republican* says: "Great credit is due Commandant Tyson for the high degree of discipline he has secured in the short time these young gentlemen have been under his command. More than half of them, I suppose, entered the University last fall. Since then, there has been so much instruction

weather, that drill has been almost abandoned at times. Besides this, the daily drill time (one hour) has been very short. And yet, these two companies dropped only eighteen points in 200. "A" Company made 94 in a possible 100, and "C" Company made 88 in 100 points. I could not help reflecting how important is the position of a commandant at a university. Here is a man who graduates a class every year. The most of them go into civil life, and are soon busy with the concerns of their different careers. In the event of a war, they will form the disciplined nucleus around which will rally the citizen soldiery of the Republic. Large numbers of these cadets will become officers in the event of war. Thus a military instructor at a college is doing immensely more for the defense of his country, than if he were with his regiment. It is a reflection of great consequence, that there are about fifty of these instructors at the colleges and universities of the Nation. Lieutenant Tyson seems peculiarly adapted for this work. He is a perfect soldier, but his military experience has not squeezed all the affability and geniality out of his nature. He is the commandant of the cadets; but more than that, he is the friend of them all. Thus he has at once their respect and esteem. I see by the Register that he is near the top of the Lieutenants' column, in his regiment. It will not be long until he will reach a captaincy. It is to be hoped that after promotion he will be retained at the University."

#### A CRY FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

YOUR correspondent, "Nopal" in the JOURNAL of March 25 has made a motion which is strictly in order, and I know that I voice the sentiment of the whole of the 3d Horse when I second his motion. Ever since '85 the 3d has been on duty in Texas, and each troop has had more than its share of chapparal and service at the isolated river posts. Unless a change is made some of the troops will enter in June next their fourth year at these posts. Our best men, the old soldiers, (our late Honorable Secretary of War to the contrary notwithstanding) re-enlist in other regiments when their times are out, and others take advantage of the so-called beneficial orders to get their discharge and leave for a more desirable climate. The officers, however, wait and hope for better things. One result of the long continued service in this region upon the health of men who have been serving heretofore in colder climates, is shown in the death of Lieut. Clinch, 3d Cavalry, who came here strong and hearty, and with every prospect of many years' service before him. His death was followed not long after by that of Capt. Hargous, 5th Infantry. Another officer of the 3d is now completing two years of sick leave, and it is doubtful if he ever recovers the health which he brought to the Rio Grande.

One of the most brilliant officers in the medical corps had to leave the river on account of his health, and the Army shortly afterwards lost his valuable services through his resignation. Capt. John G. Bourke, of the 3d, who has done so much during the past two years to crush out the Garza revolution and bring its members to trial, and who is hated in proportion to the good he has done, was about to take a year's sick leave when he was fortunately ordered to Chicago for duty. The above are simply facts to be accounted for as may be. It would seem only fair play that we should have a tour on the Pacific coast, and "a personal and thorough examination of all the facts attainable" by the War Department, ought to send us there this spring.

Accompanying this are some verses describing how the devil availed himself of a grant of land upon the Rio Grande to make a new hell:

He began to put thorns on all the trees,  
And mixed up thorns with millions of fleas,  
He scattered tarantulas along all the roads,  
Put thorns on the cactus, and horns on the toads,  
He lengthened the horns of the Texas steers,  
And put an addition on the rabbit's ears,  
He put a little devil in the broncho steers,  
And poisoned the feet of the centipede.  
The rattlesnake bites you, the scorpion stings,  
The mosquito delights you with his buzzing wings,  
The sand burrs prevail and so do the ants,  
And those who sit down need half soles on their pants,  
The devil then said that throughout the land,  
He'd manage to keep up the devil's own brand,  
And all would be "maelvericks" unless they bore  
Marks of scratches and bites and thorns by the score.  
The heat in the summer is a hundred and ten,  
Too hot for the devil and too hot for men,  
The wild boar roams through the black chapparal  
'Tis a hell of a place he has for a hell.

#### LIFE IN A MILITARY GARRISON.

THE Chicago Tribune, in an account of a lecture by Chaplain Allen Allensworth, 24th Infantry, reports him as describing the business routine of a military garrison as similar to that of a city, the post commander being the Mayor. The council of administration, post surgeon, quartermaster, and adjutant, superintendence of schools, were all explained, showing that an army officer must not only be a fighter but a business-man. The courts of justice and how they are constituted were described; the speaker told how the profits derived from the sale of beer and other articles were given to the soldiers to purchase luxuries for their tables. An education in the common English branches was given the soldier, so that when he returned to civil life he would be prepared for intelligent citizenship. Many reforms had been instituted in the last five years, some considered by military men an advantage and others a detriment. Especially noteworthy was a recent act of Congress limiting a private's military service to ten years. This reform was made in the interest of economy at the expense of justice and discipline. The social life of a military garrison, he said, was cosmopolitan in character and each endeavored to make life pleasant for the others. That a false impression has prevailed among a large class of civilians as to the character and composition of the United States army the speaker was certain. Among its officers were to be found noble men of honor and culture, and among their families women of education, refinement, and Christian graces. Among the enlisted men education, excellent character, and laudable ambition were common, and the rank and file of a military garrison would compare favorably with any community of the same number of inhabitants.

#### ORDNANCE NOTES.

The Sponool 1 pound rapid fire gun will be tested at the Indian Head Proving Grounds on Saturday next.

Bids have been opened by the Army Bureau of Ordnance for supplying seven spring return mortar carriages of the Rozskanoff type. The amount involved is about \$50,000, and when these new carriages are completed the department will have carriages for all mortars completed. The bidders were the Phoenix Iron Company of Trenton, N. J.; Robert Poole and Son of Baltimore, Md.; Builders' Iron Foundry of Providence, R. I.; Morgan Iron and Steel Company of Alliance, Ohio, and the West Point Foundry Company of Cold Spring, N. Y. The contract has not been awarded.

The Naval Ordnance Bureau is engaged in the preparation of the specification for the new submarine torpedo boat. The specifications are intended to cover the chief characteristics only: (1) the kind of boat desired; the detail will be left for inventors to work out. The circular when issued will invite bids for construction as well as the submission of plans. Only \$150,000 will be allowed for the boat, the remaining \$50,000 the Ordnance Bureau desires to use for experiment after the boat is built. It is expected that private inventors will submit their plans through the ship building firms, who may desire to undertake the work of construction. From the many inquiries being received by the Ordnance Bureau for information as to dimensions, etc., it would appear that the Bureau will not be at a loss for plans to select from.

Prof. Hebler in an article in the *Allgemeine Schweizerische "Militär-Zeitung"* classifies military rifles according to ballistic performance or theoretical value as follows:

Spanish.....	7.2 mm. (.283 inch)	—580
Russian.....	7.6 mm. (.299 inch)	—540
English.....	7.7 mm. (.303 inch)	—521
Swiss.....	7.5 mm. (.295 inch)	—519
Belgian.....	7.6 mm. (.299 inch)	—516
Turkish.....	7.6 mm. (.299 inch)	—516
German.....	7.9 mm. (.311 inch)	—474
Austrian.....	8.0 mm. (.315 inch)	—440
Bulgarian.....	8.0 mm. (.315 inch)	—440
French.....	8.0 mm. (.315 inch)	—435
Danish.....	8.0 mm. (.315 inch)	—411
Portuguese.....	8.0 mm. (.315 inch)	—410
Swedish.....	8.0 mm. (.315 inch)	—393

Taking other elements into account, he ranks the rifles into three classes—the first class, including those whose "goodness" exceeds 500; the second class, those whose "goodness" lies between 400 and 500; and the third class, those whose "goodness" falls below 400. 1st class—Spanish, 580; Belgian, 516; Turkish, 516. 2d class—Russian, 488; German, 474; English, 469; Swiss, 467; French, 435; Danish, 411; Portuguese, 410. 3d class—Austrian, 396; Bulgarian, 396; Swedish, 354. In Prof. Hebler's opinion, the English, Swedish, Russian, Austrian, Bulgarian and Swiss rifles are those least to be depended upon, and he consequently makes a deduction of 10 per cent. to allow for their minor defects, whilst he credits all the others with their full ballistic qualities.

H. C. Vogt, Copenhagen, describes in *The Steamship the Simplex* and the *Huge torpedo*. Each of these is designed to carry a crew within a short distance of the object aimed at. The *Simplex* torpedo carries a single man who drops into the water in a particular dress or swimming apparatus, about five hundred feet from the ship to be destroyed. While in the torpedo, he occupies a hollow breakwater, strong enough to protect him from small shot. In outward appearance the *Simplex* torpedo resembles the *Whitehead* and it is so small as compared with an ordinary torpedo boat that it is much harder to hit and much easier to maneuver. It is intended to use petroleum for fuel and to bottle up the steam so that the man aboard can devote his entire attention to the helm and manœuvres. The *Simplex* was submitted to the United States Navy Department which objected to it because of its dependence upon the boiler and machinery which must be left unattended during the time occupied in approaching the enemy, which may be for hours, and was then expected to develop its greatest power at the moment of attack. It was urged, too, that the change in trim at the critical moment of active service would cause a serious deflection in the course of the torpedo, and that the design was not sufficiently developed and reliable. In the *Huge torpedo*, the powerful spring releases a small boat about six hundred feet from the object of attack. This boat is protected by a small shield on the torpedo and when launched is propelled by means of oars or by a screw with machinery similar to that of the *Whitehead* torpedo. It is expected to attain a speed of 1700 feet in a minute, and is exploded on impact by the crushing in of the bow and the ignition of kailum by the rushing water.

#### FORT HAMILTON.

The bazaar that was to be held in Garrison Assembly Room at Fort Hamilton on April 7 by the ladies of St. John's Church in aid of their new church building fund has been unavoidably postponed, owing to illness in the family of one of the chief promoters. Timely notice will be given of the holding of the bazaar at the same place as soon as the date can be definitely determined.

#### NOTICE.

A NUMBER of friends of the late Gen. John Pope, U. S. A., desire to pay a tribute of respect to his memory by following the growing custom of placing a memorial tablet in the chapel at Ft. Leavenworth, where he served so many years. It is thought desirable to afford an opportunity to all his many friends to participate in paying such tribute, for which purpose this notice is given to enable those interested to communicate with the undersigned.

Captain and A. Q. M., U. S. Army.  
Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., March 28, 1893.



## BERDAN'S DESTROYER.

On the day before Gen. Berdan's death he wrote to us from Washington enclosing various documents concerning his *Destroyer*. One of these was the following:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION,  
FEBRUARY 15, 1893.

SUBJECT: BERDAN IRONCLAD DESTROYER.

Respectfully returned to the Department, inviting attention to the Board's report of April 4, 1892, on this subject, as follows: "In view of the fact that Congress has made a definite appropriation for the Ericsson system of submarine artillery, and that experiments are in progress with the same under the direction of the Navy Department, the Board of Construction does not consider that a favorable recommendation regarding the appropriation for the Berdan ironclad *Destroyer* is a matter of present expediency." As these experiments are still in progress the Board recommends that no action looking to the building of the Berdan ironclad *Destroyer* be taken at this time.

Geo. Dewey, Chief of Bureau of Equipment, President of Board.  
N. H. Farnham, Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, Member.

Philip Hichborn, Constructor, U. S. N., of Bureau of Construction and Repair, Member.  
W. J. Bamford, Chief of Bureau of Ordnance, Member.  
Geo. W. Melville, Engineer-in-Chief, U. S. N., Chief of Bureau of Steam Engineering, Member.  
F. B. Chadwick, Commander, U. S. N., Chief Intelligence Officer, Member.

Accompanying this was a letter from General Berdan dated Dec. 7, 1892, in which he reduces the speed of the Ericsson *Destroyer* as given in knots by the Board examining it to feet per second as follows: Mean for a distance of 600 feet, 49 feet per second; 400 feet, 87 feet; 300 feet, 119 feet; 200 feet, 158 feet; 100 feet, 199 feet.

Concerning this Gen. Berdan says: "At the short-est distance, even, the velocity is less than one-half what is necessary for a shell of this size to penetrate a three-inch plate, which is computed to be equal to the two plates in an ironclad ten feet below the surface of the water and the ribs that support the plates, and the velocity at the longest range is less than the 1-13 of the required velocity."

"A short and uniform distance, as well as a short shell, is indispensable in lodging a shell inside an ironclad with any degree of certainty, and to explode it outside of the ironclad it would cause but little or no damage compared to an explosion inside of the ship. The concluding remarks of Commo. Folger on p. 17, on this subject, are as follows: 'This system or underwater discharge, when perfected, as it undoubtedly will be, will greatly increase the offensive power of the ram, and the Bureau will recommend that all such vessels be supplied with submarine guns.'

"This, in my opinion, is undoubtedly true, and a big step in the right direction, and I am ready to guarantee and prove by a series of experiments, to be agreed upon, that my system of *Destroyer* will entirely solve the problem of destroying an ironclad at once, or every dollar paid on account shall be returned to the Government."

There is also a letter from Gen. D. W. Flagler, U. S. Army, Chief of Ordnance, certifying to the substantial correctness of Gen. Berdan's calculations concerning his hydraulic buffer and the ballistic possibilities of guns and as to the feasibility of his plan for firing the gun automatically. Chas. H. Cramp says concerning Berdan's Submarine *Destroyer*:

"The vessel, however, could be built and the speed obtained and we would be willing to guarantee results in case the designs were placed entirely in our hands, as we think the scheme as outlined is feasible. The hydraulic buffer is in the nature of an experiment, but if long enough it seems that such a buffer should be able to take up the energy of a moving vessel just as it does the recoil of a gun. A vessel with this could steam up to an armored battleship and fire through the bottom with far more safety and with less risk than a torpedo boat, which is almost sure to go down in the hail of machine gun fire. Taking into account the peculiar nature of this vessel and the high results which must be guaranteed, I should say that a fair price would be, exclusive of the submarine gun and other armament, \$1,200,000."

A comparison is given of the Berdan boat with the Ammen ram and the cruiser *Marblehead*, as follows:

	Ammen head.	Marble- head.	Berdan boat.
Displacement,	2,183 tons.	2,000 tons.	2,400 tons.
Horse power,	4,800 I.H.P.	5,400 I.H.P.	7,500 I.H.P.
Speed,	17 knots.	17 knots.	20 knots.
Protective deck,	None.	None.	H'y N. S.
Conning tower,	None.	Light.	Heavy.
Submarine gun,	None.	None.	1 of 24 in. cal.
Cost,	\$936,000	\$674,000	\$1,200,000

"In this case the difference in cost, \$274,000, would nearly, if not quite, be consumed in attaining the excess in speed, leaving little or nothing for the increased size and the cost of the submarine gun and hydraulic buffer."

## Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The following were elected officers of the Commandery of the State of New York at the annual meeting held at Jaeger's, Madison avenue and 59th street, on Wednesday evening, April 5: Commander, Bvt. Maj.-Gen. Wager Swayne, U. S. A., retired; Senior Vice-Commander, Rear Admiral Daniel L. Braine, U. S. N., retired; Junior Vice-Commander, Bvt. Brig.-Gen. Frederick A. Starring, U. S. V.; Recorder, Bvt. Major Thomas B. Odell, U. S. V.; Registrar, Capt. Luis F. Emilio, U. S. V.; Treasurer, A. A. Payson, A. Noel Blakeman, late U. S. N.; Chancellor, 2d Lieut. Thomas B. Hughes, U. S. V.; Chaplain, Post Chaplain Michael J. Cramer, late U. S. A.; Council—Bvt. Brig.-Gen. Nicholas W. Day, U. S. V.; Pay Insp. Arthur Burtis, U. S. N.; Lt.-Col. Charles C. Suydam, U. S. V.; Major Edmund K. Russell, U. S. V.; Captain, U. S. A., and Acting Ensign Aaron Vanderbilt, late U. S. N. The following were elected Companions of the Order: First Class—Major Isaac Arnold, Jr., U. S. A.; Capt. Alfred Atkins, U. S. V.; Capt. W. Lewis Carpenter, U. S. A.; Col. Isaac Swartwood Catlin, U. S. A., retired; Asst. Surg. Matthew Chalmers, late U. S. N.; Joseph Ware, late acting ensign, U. S. N.; Capt. Wm. Wilson, Jr., U. S. V.; By inheritance—Asst. Surg. Robert Boyd, U. S. N.; B. W. Hitchcock, Wm. W. Mallory, Edward S. Woodward, Second Class—M. M. Marcus. The present membership of the Commandery is 1,096.

LIEUTENANT A. S. FROST, 25th U. S. Infantry, has left Fort Custer for Brookings, South Dakota, where he has been detailed for College duty.

## THE NAVY

HILARY A. HERBERT, Secretary of the Navy.  
WILLIAM MCADOO, Assistant Secretary.

## NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

Naval Review Fleet.—Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, Commander-in-Chief.

(In accordance with Special Orders No. 21, Jan. 14, 1893, the North Atlantic and South Atlantic Stations are temporarily discontinued from March 1, until the close of the Naval Review, their respective commanders reporting to Rear-Admiral Gherardi with their vessels for duty in the Naval Review Fleet.)

PHILADELPHIA, 2d rate, 19 guns (flagship). Capt. A. S. Barker. Sailed from New York March 30 for Hampton Roads. Arrived March 31.

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. To be used as a despatch boat by Admiral Gherardi during review. Sailed for Hampton Roads March 30. Arrived March 31.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 3 guns. Lieut. B. H. Buckingham. At Norfolk being fitted out for service with Naval Review. Will be used as dining ship and despatch boat for Secretary of the Navy.

First Division.—R.-Adm. A. E. K. Benham

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 13 guns. Captain Silas Casey. Arrived at Hampton Roads March 28. Being overhauled at Norfolk.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. F. J. Higginson. At Hampton Roads.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2d rate, 13 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. At Hampton Roads.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. G. W. Sumner comdg., temporarily. Sailed from New York for Hampton Roads March 30. Arrived March 31.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander R. B. Bradford. At Norfolk, being overhauled.

BANCROFT, practice cruiser, Lieut.-Comdr. Asa Walker, Navy-Yard, N. Y. Will join Review Fleet at Hampton Roads April 15.

Second Division.—Actg. R.-Adm. J. G. Walker.

CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship. Capt. John F. McGlensiey. At Hampton Roads.

MIANTOMOH, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns, Captain Montgomery Slocum, comdg. At New York Navy-yard. Will soon proceed to Hampton Roads.

VESEVUS, 4th rate, 8 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder, comdg. Sailed from New York for Hampton Roads March 30. Arrived March 31.

CONCORD, 8d rate, 6 guns. Commander Edwin White. Left Norfolk, Va., for Hampton Roads.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Pickens. At Hampton Roads.

YORKTOWN, 8d rate, 6 guns. Commander Frank Wildes. At Hampton Roads.

3. All. Sta'n.—Rear-Admiral A. E. K. Benham.

(Station temporarily discontinued until close of Naval Review in April.)

The mail matter for ships on this station should be addressed "Care of the United States Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of R. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London." Letters sent to Rio Janeiro are frequently subjected to very long delays, owing to fumigation and other reasons.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. Wm. W. Mead. At Hampton Roads, Va. Will go out of commission and may be fitted up for service at the Naval Academy. Ordered to Annapolis.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden. Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb. 15. Lieut.-Comdr. Belden will shortly be detached and ordered home for examination for promotion. Lieut.-Comdr. H. W. Lyon ordered to command.

Pacific Station.—Acting Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

ADAMS, 3d rate. Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15. Awaiting orders which will probably send her to China.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. W. H. Whiting. Arrived at San Francisco March 28. Officers whose terms have expired will be relieved and others ordered in their places. May go back to Hawaii.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain B. F. Day. At Honolulu, S. I.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. Nicoll Ludlow. At Honolulu.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. At San Francisco, Cal., awaiting orders for Bering Sea duty.

THEIR, 3d rate, 3 machine guns. Comdr. Geo. C. Reiter. On surveying duty on lower coast of California. Sailed from San Diego Feb. 12.

Atlantic Station.—Rear Adm. D. B. Harmony To be relieved June 7 by Rear Admiral Irwin.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Geo. R. Durand. On a cruise to Swatow, Manila, Zehol, and Hong Kong. At Swatow Jan. 20. Comdr. G. M. Book ordered to command per steamer of March 4 from San Francisco. Will soon be ordered to Bering Sea duty.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. A. H. McCormick. At Hong Kong Feb. 8.

MONOCACY, Comdr. F. M. Barber, 3d rate 6 guns. At Shanghai Jan. 31.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. C. V. Gridley. At Saigon Jan. 28. Will visit Bangkok, Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Batavia, Savowak, Labuan and Hong Kong.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton. At Nagasaki Jan. 31. Ordered to Yokohama. Will soon be ordered to Bering Sea duty.

## Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 13 guns, Comdr. C. D. Sigbee. On winter cruise in the West Indies. Arrived at St. Thomas, March 18. Mail for the *Portsmouth* should leave the U. S. as follows: Care of U. S. Consul, St. Thomas, W. I., until April 12 after April 12 all mail should be sent to Hampton Roads, Va. The ship may visit the French West Indies, for which contingency arrangements will be made at St. Thomas for forwarding mail from that point. Comdr. C. J. Barclay ordered to hold himself in readiness to command.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Captain J. R. Bartlett. At dock foot of West 56th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G, New York.

MONONGAHELA, Comdr. T. A. Lyons. On her winter's practice cruise. Left Trinidad for Castine March 28.

## On Special Service.

## AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT

CONSTELLATION, 10 guns\* (practice ship of Naval Academy). Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. At New York.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns. Lt.-Comdr. J. F. Merry. At Boston, Mass.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Gibson. At New York Navy-yard. To sail for Philadelphia April 6.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (3 howitzers and 9 Gatlings). Lt. Comdr. R. M. Berry. At Buffalo, N. Y. Will soon go to Chicago.

MONTEREY.—Coast defence vessel, 2d rate, 4 guns, Capt. Louis Kempf. Mare Island, Cal.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts.

SARATOGA, Lt.-Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. Address Philadelphia. Will sail about April 15 on her summer cruise.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. At Cape Haytien April 3.

## VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

A new chart of the coasts of Corea has been recently put on file for issue by the Hydrographic Office, and the latest information on the subject has been carefully collaborated.

The data of the trial of the *Detroit*, after the completion of all the tests prescribed by regulation, will be carried out at the Quintard Iron Works, New York, and the results forwarded to Washington for discussion.

As soon as the trials of the *Detroit* are satisfactorily concluded the work of fitting her for commission will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. It is believed that the first of the two ships, *Montgomery* and *Detroit*, building at Baltimore, to be completed for sea, will go abroad.

The *Alliance*, now at the Mare Island Navy-yard, will be refitted for sea, and will form one of the Bering Sea patrol during the coming sealing season. The condition of this old craft was found by the Board of Inspection, which recently examined her, to be much better than was feared, and the needed repairs can be carried out well within the statutory limit.

The transit revenue of the Suez Canal Company in the first two months of this year amounted to 459,858, as compared with 512,546, in the corresponding two months of 1892, and 481,600, in the corresponding two months of 1891. The number of ships which passed through the canal in the first two months of this year was 553, as compared with 649 in the corresponding period of 1892, and 607 in the corresponding period of 1891.

The German cruiser *Kaiserin Augusta*, en route to the United States to take part in the great Columbus naval review, ran aground April 1, while passing through the Great Belt, the strait which forms the central communication between the Baltic and the Cattegat, and where navigation is made difficult by the many shoals. The *Kaiserin Augusta* was floated after some effort without suffering any damage.

A Herald despatch from San Francisco, Cal., March 29, says: Miss Ah Fong is the daughter of a full blooded Chinese, her mother being part Portuguese, part Kanaka and part Haytian. Ah Fong has gone back to China with his two sons, there to spend the rest of his days. The wife and a dozen daughters live in an elegant house in Honolulu, and have always made a specialty of entertaining naval officers. Commander Whiting's fiancée is nineteen years old, speaks Chinese, French and English and is said to be above the average in looks. The only evidence of her Chinese paternity is in her complexion, black hair and eyes. Ten thousand dollars will be her marriage portion.

The Norwegian Viking ship for the Chicago Exhibition, which was to be launched early in February, will be tried both with sails and oars as soon as possible. It is a true copy of the famous "Gogstad" relic, and shows to perfection the remarkable ship-building skill of the old Vikings, and the attractive lines they produced in their vessels. The ends are sharp, and the sides are somewhat flat under water, whereas above the water line they slope upwards. The vessel is built of oak planks, tarred inside and outside. Its length is 77 feet. There is no real deck, but several "lids" of boards fastened together, form a kind of floor, about 4 feet below the top of the ship's side. At both ends there are slightly raised platforms, and on the platform aft in the vessel is the chief's seat. There is no room for proper cabins below the flooring, but there will be good accommodation for stores. For the protection of the men a tent can be erected, there being a scaffolding resting on three poles for this purpose. The rudder is on the side of the vessel, and is shaped as a broad oar. The *Gogstad* ship has sixteen oars on each side, which are put out through holes in the ship's sides. Along the sides will also be placed a number of shields, about 3 feet in diameter, alternately yellow and black.



COMMANDER W. W. Mead, R. B. Bradford and P. F. Harrington, Lt. Comdr. W. L. Field, Lt. J. T. Newton, Ensigns George R. Evans, and John M. Elliott, registered at the Navy Department this week.

ADMIRAL BENHAM officially denies an absurd story, telegraphed from Havana to the N. Y. Times, that he had hurriedly sailed from that port because he had been snubbed by the Havana officials.

CAPT. JOHN F. BARTLETT is slated for the command of the *Newark*, to succeed Capt. Silas Casey who will be ordered to duty as president of the Steel Inspection Board. It is understood that Capt. Silas W. Terry will be ordered to command the *Chicago* and Capt. McGlensey ordered before a retiring board.

DISCUSSING the bearing of recent plate trials on future warfare, the *Engineer* says: "Such vessels as the *Howe* ought to furnish a curious spectacle after her upper structure has been under hot and prolonged quick-fire. A distorted skeleton decked out in ribbons in which she could be expected to emerge from such an ordeal, the worst being a burning ruin. The natural reply is that her enemy might be in somewhat similar case if she resembles her in having a vulnerable upper structure. This aspect of the question, it has been suggested, may bring in some type of improved form of monitor—something with secondary batteries of quick-fire guns covered by thin armor with hardened face. At no time since the first introduction of armor have older ships been placed at so great disadvantage compared with new ones as it is now likely to be the case."

## NAVY GAZETTE.

## Ordered.

MARCH 31.—Pay Director George Cochran, as general storekeeper at the Navy-yard, League Island, April 1.

APRIL 1.—Assistant Surgeon E. M. Shipp, to duty at the Navy-yard, Boston.

APRIL 5.—Lieutenant J. H. Glennon (j.r.), to duty at the Naval Academy.

APRIL 6.—Commander Felix McCurley, to duty at League Island, Pa.

Lieutenant C. C. Marsh, to duty at the Naval Observatory.

## Detached.

MARCH 31.—Lieutenant C. E. Vreeland, from the Coast Survey steamer *Blake* on April 1 and granted leave for one month.

Ensign Joseph L. Jayne, from the Coast Survey steamer *Gedney* and granted three months' leave.

Pay Director Charles H. Eldridge, from duty at the Navy Pay Office, Norfolk, Va., April 1, ordered to settle accounts and then wait orders.

Pay Director Rufus Parks, from the Navy-yard, League Island, Pa., and ordered to duty in charge of the Navy Pay Office, Baltimore, Md.

Pay Inspector A. J. Pritchard, from duty in charge of the Navy Pay Office, Baltimore, Md., April 1 and ordered to duty in charge of the Navy Pay Office, Norfolk, Va., April 15.

APRIL 1.—Commander W. W. Mead, from the command of the *Essex* and granted leave for one month.

Lieutenants J. V. B. Bleeker and John T. Newton, from the *Essex* and ordered to examination for promotion and then granted three months' leave.

Lieutenants C. K. Curtis and F. A. Wilmer, Ensigns W. R. M. Field and C. M. Stone, P. A. Surgeon Oliver Diehl, Chief Engineer H. S. Ross and Assistant Engineer O. W. Koester, from the *Essex* and granted three months' leave.

Ensign W. R. Shoemaker, from the *Adams* and ordered to the *Monterey*.

Ensign W. E. Safford, from duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition and ordered to the *Alliance*.

Paymaster W. W. Barry, from the *Essex*, ordered to settle accounts, then wait orders.

Paymaster H. T. Wright, from duty in charge of accounts of Coast Survey vessels on May 1 next, ordered to settle accounts and then wait orders.

P. A. Paymaster Livingston Hunt, from duty in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts April 29, and ordered to take charge of the accounts of Coast Survey vessels May 1 next.

APRIL 3.—Ensign F. L. Chapin, from ordnance instruction at the Navy-yard, Washington, and ordered to duty in the Bureau of Ordnance.

Ensign Charles T. Vozelgesang, from the *Alliance* and ordered to the *Adams*.

APRIL 5.—Lieutenant Commander S. W. Vory, from the *Mohican* and ordered to duty as executive officer of the *Boston*.

Lieutenant Commander W. T. Swinburne, from the *Boston*, ordered to return home and granted three months' leave.

Lieutenant J. H. C. Coffin, from duty at the Navy yard, Mare Island, Cal., and ordered to the *Boston* per steamer of April 27 from San Francisco.

Lieutenant E. K. Moore, from the *Boston* upon the reporting of his relief and ordered as executive officer of the *Mohican*.

Lieutenant Chas. F. Norton, from duty at the Navy-yard, New York, March 28, and ordered as executive officer of the *Adams* on May 6 next.

Lieutenant Chas. A. Adams, from the *Adams* on May 6 and ordered to the *Lancaster* per steamer of May 13 next.

Ensign H. E. Parmenter, from the *Monterey* on May 6 next and ordered to the *Lancaster* per steamer of May 15 next.

APRIL 6.—Commander E. M. Shepard, from light-house inspector 14th District, May 1, and ordered as equipment officer New York Navy-yard.

Lieutenant Commander F. W. Crooker, from the *Wabash* and ordered as inspector 14th Lighthouse District May 1.

SECRETARY HERBERT will give a dinner on board the *Dolphin* to the officers of the Home and Foreign Squadrons, at Hampton Roads, on April 22.

A *Herald* despatch reports that the French Government has decided that the band of the Garde Republicaine may go to Chicago to play at the World's Fair. The Government of the United States has undertaken to defray all the costs of the visit, which is expected about the end of July or the beginning of August.

## THE NAVAL REVIEW.

THE Naval Review fleet in command of Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, now at the post of rendezvous, Hampton Roads, Va., have been busy the past week in getting into condition and practicing squadron manœuvres preparatory to the grand review.

The U. S. Fleet will be commanded as follows: Rear-Admiral Gherardi, U. S. N., Commander-in-Chief; Rear-Admiral A. E. K. Benham, U. S. N., Commander of First Squadron, and Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, U. S. N., Commander of Second Squadron. The following officers have been placed upon the general staff of Admiral Gherardi as fleet officers: Chief Engineer Louis J. Allen of the *Chicago*, Medical Inspector William K. Van Raypen, Pay Inspector W. Goldsborough, and Captain William S. Muse, Marine Corps. The last three are from the San Francisco. Lieutenant John C. Fremont is also attached to the general staff and has charge of the construction of the new landings. He will have charge of all matters connected with the loading, unloading, and handling of the boats.

The official programme for the naval parade and review of April 25, 26 and 27 is as follows: The fleet will start for New York on the morning of April 24, anchor that night at Sandy Hook, getting into review formation on the morning of April 25, entering by the main channel at 23 minutes to 4 o'clock P. M., and anchoring in the lower bay on the ebb tide before 13 minutes to 6 P. M. Anchors will be weighed about 9 o'clock in the morning of April 26 and after entering the Hudson River the interval between the two columns will be reduced to 400 yards. The fleet will come to a final anchorage, with the heads of the columns off 89th street and the rear off 34th street. The afternoon will be devoted to getting ready for the review on April 27.

Colors will be hoisted at 8 o'clock on the day of the review, and at half-past 9 each of the vessels will drop her steam launch astern by a towline about midway to the next ship, and let her lie there with an officer in charge, guard flag flying and steam up ready to assist the patrol division in preventing encroachment upon the reserved waters. The three Spanish caravels, if here, will be anchored in line and just far enough apart to swing clear of each other, 250 yards below the turning mark.

President Cleveland will embark on the *Dolphin*, anchored off 24th street, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., and the entire fleet will join in the ceremonies with which the President is received. Soon afterward the *Dolphin* will fire a signal gun, trip her anchor, steam on midway between the two columns of ships and anchor just above the fleet. The *Montanmoreh*'s 10 inch gun will answer the *Dolphin*'s signal and all hands will salute the President as he passes. The yards of the fleet will be manned together. When the *Dolphin*'s bow is opposite each ship's stern the officers and crew will salute, the band will play the national air and a 21 gun salute will be given. Commanding officers will leave their ships and pay their respects to the President on the *Dolphin* after she anchors. The President will visit every vessel and as he leaves salutes will be fired. With the last gun the President's flag will be hauled down and the ceremonies of the day will be concluded. The exhibition of the search lights will be given in the evening between 8 and half-past 8 o'clock and of night signalling between half-past 8 and 9 o'clock. The patrol division of the fleet will consist of the *Silhouette*, navy tugs, revenue marine steamers, lighthouse steamers, Naval Militia tugs and the police tugs of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City. The patrol fleet will be occupied in keeping the reserved waters free of all kinds of craft. No private vessels will be allowed within these waters except such as are moored in slips or alongside wharves.

It is unlikely the fleet will proceed to Annapolis before going to New York. Three Russian vessels, the first class armored cruiser *Dmitry Donskoy*, protected cruiser *Rymda* and first class armored cruiser *General Admiral*, are expected at Hampton Roads during the first fortnight in April. The first class armored cruiser *Nicolai*, first class armored cruiser *Admiral Nachoff* and the armored cruiser *Pamiaty Azova*, will leave Cronstadt for New York as soon as the Baltic is free from ice.

The Navy Dept. has been advised that the Dutch cruiser *Vanspeyk* is expected at Hampton Roads on April 17. The Argentine cruiser, *Ninth of July*, from Newcastle, will go to New York, but will not reach American waters in time for the rendezvous at Hampton Roads. The Italian cruisers, the Department is informed, will remain in American waters until the middle of September or October.

In addition to the international regatta proposed by citizens of Norfolk to be held in Hampton Roads just before the combined fleet leaves for New York, there are now prospects of another, which will be given by the crews of the home fleet.

Pigeons are to be used in the naval parade, and Geo. W. Childs has authorized the race agent of the American rules to provide mementos, similar to those offered by him in the *Constellation* experiment last August, for the lots to which acceptable service is rendered. Prof. H. Marion of the Naval Academy says: "The captains of the war vessels are willing to do all they can in the matter, and Admiral Gherardi will probably send official messages from the flagship by the birds." The programme will include relay work from Hampton Roads to Richmond by Richmond birds; thence to Annapolis by the cat flyers; thence to the office of the Secretary of the Navy by Washington birds. Simple work will be from Hampton Roads to Richmond, Washington and Annapolis; from off Cape May to Woodbury; from the eastern coast of New Jersey to Atlantic City and Philadelphia, the messages being forwarded from the home loft to Washington by wire. The work in New York harbor will be to New York, Newark and Brooklyn lofts.

MR. CHARLES B. KING and MR. W. G. ROSS of Detroit, Mich., sons respectfully of the late General John H. King, and Samuel Ross are recent additions to the Michigan Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

ENSIGN I. K. SEYMOUR, U. S. N., of the Bureau of Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C., was best man of the marriage April 5, of Mr. S. B. Loring to Miss Sallie Delany Winchester.

Two thousand men enlisted from the volunteers into the British army within the last year.

## REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

The revenue cutter *Dexter* arrived at Boston, Mass., March 31 to go on the marine railway, having finished her winter's work. The *Dexter* has steamed during her season 3,100 nautical miles, boarded and examined 1,084 vessels and tugged 36 boats helpless in the pack ice, short of provisions and fuel, and towed into port; one pressed by the ice on the rocks and rescued; six disabled in ice flows and drifting seaward were released and brought in; one brought into port out of provisions; one found at sea crippled by seas and brought into harbor; six in helpless condition on lee shores during heavy weather and snowstorms pulled off in safety or into port; one pulled from off Cape Cod, where she had stranded during dense fog. The *Dexter* also attended to her regular duties in connection with the life saving service. The *Dexter* reported 22 vessels for violating the law.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the commanding officers of all Revenue Marine vessels in New York harbor during the naval review report to Admiral Gherardi for duty in policing the harbor.

The revenue cutter *Rush* arrived at Honolulu March 20, nine days from San Francisco, having on board ex-Congressman Blount, of Georgia, who was appointed Commissioner to investigate the existing conditions in Hawaii and report as to the expediency of the annexation of the islands to the United States. As soon as the cutter was sighted off Koko Head, at 9 A. M., the townspeople turned out en masse, and by 11 o'clock, when the *Rush* anchored in Naval Row, the docks and streets were crowded. The mail steamer *Australia*, which was scheduled to leave at noon, was held back, and from her deck the band of the provisional government welcomed the new arrivals with the strains of the "Star-Spangled Banner." A delegation from the Annexation Club was hastily formed and welcomed the Commissioner at the boat landing.

MARCH 31.—2d Lieut. W. G. Ross, O. D. Myrick, W. E. Reynolds, D. P. Foley, F. M. Dunwoody and Howard Emery to report to Treasury Department, April 15, for examination for promotion by a board consisting of Capt. J. Henriques, George W. Moore and J. W. Congdon.

APRIL 1.—2d Asst. Engr. F. R. Faulkenstein ordered to Morrill at Norfolk, Va.

APRIL 4.—1st Lieut. T. D. Walker to the Crawford at Baltimore.

1st Lieut. W. A. Falling to the Johnston at Milwaukee.

1st Lieut. George A. Gooding to the sloop *Alert*, Elizabeth City, N. C.

APRIL 5.—2d Lieut. P. W. Thompson to the Morrill at Norfolk.

3d Lieut. J. H. Brown to the *Dexter* at Boston.

1st Asst. Engr. W. J. Phillips to the Grant, New York.

The examination of 1st lieutenants for promotion have been concluded, all the candidates being successful.

The following cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week:

Robert S. Foster, Tuscaloosa, (5th Dist.) Ala.  
Geo. A. Nugent, Fargo, N. D.  
Halstead Dorey, St. Louis, (11th Dist.) Mo.  
Chas. H. Wright, Huntingdon, (8th Dist.) Penn.  
Fred. A. Pearce, Osage Mills, (5th Dist.) Ark.  
Arthur S. Conklin, Elmira, (5th Dist.) N. Y.  
Louis G. Knight, Horton, Kas.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., April 5, 1893.

The game of baseball on Saturday afternoon between the cadets and Columbia College, of New York, proved to be one of the most interesting games ever seen at the Academy. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of the cadets.

The cadets have a strong nine this year. The teams were as follows:

Columbia.	Cadets.
Mattocks, shortstop.	Izard, catcher.
O'Connor, 3d base.	Bannon, shortstop.
Smith, 2d base.	Littfield, 3d base.
Sullivan, catcher.	McCormack, right field.
Hildreth, left base.	Ridgely, left field.
Ryan, center field.	Pease, 1st base.
Pierre, left field.	Potter (Captain), 2d base.
Hutchins, pitcher.	Standley, center field.
Barber, right field.	Allison, pitcher.
Cooper, pitcher.	

Earned runs—Cadets, 6; Columbia, 0. Two base hits—Littfield. Sacrifice hit—Littfield. Struck out—By Allison, 6; by Cooper, 4. Errors—Cadets, 3; Columbia, 4. Time of game—2h. 45m. Umpire—Naval Cadet Johnson.

The members of the 1st Class have begun their outdoor practical work in navigation. All the observations of the sun are taken with artificial horizons.

Services have been held in the chapel every night during the last week and an appropriate Easter service on Sunday. The chancel was prettily and artistically decorated with flowers and potted plants. Chaplain Clarke preached an eloquent sermon, which was listened to by a large congregation.

The *Essex* has been ordered to Annapolis from Norfolk. Her officers will be detached on her arrival here and the ship will be turned over to the Naval Academy for service as a practice ship, to take the place of the *Enterprise*, which is now at Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Lieut. Bowyer gave a supper last Saturday evening in honor of her guests, Miss Jones and Miss Metcalf, of Erie, Pa. Among those present were Miss Grady, Miss Du Bose, Miss Stewart, Miss Milligan, Cadets Powellson, Crooley, Gise, Magis, Holsinger, Pratt, Chadwick, Olmstead, Dennett and Stearns.

Lieut. and Mrs. Niles and Mrs. Powell, of Washington, are visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Stewart. Miss Hodgson, of Georgia, is the guest of Lieut. and Mrs. Hodgson. Ensign Dayton, U. S. N., has been spending a few days at the Academy. Miss Porter, daughter of Lieut. Theodor Porter, is visiting the Misses Rooder. Mr. Wadsworth, of Yale, is visiting his brother, Cadet Wadsworth, of the 3d Class. Mrs. Snibley and Mrs. Compo, of Detroit, are visiting Chief Engr. and Mrs. Fitch. Miss Dubose, of Georgia, and Miss Grady, of Baltimore, are visiting Surg. and Mrs. Du Bose.

THE case of Lieutenant Brumback, 2d Infantry, has received considerable notice in the newspapers. The facts of the case so far as they can be ascertained are that Lieutenant Brumback secured a long leave of absence on the tender of his resignation, an order accepting the resignation was issued and Lt. B. went to a remote section of Idaho to take up a homestead claim, building a cabin on it and living quietly under the impression that he was no longer in the service. A question of his mental condition was raised by his relatives and the order accepting his resignation was suspended. He was then brought to Fort Sherman and his conduct was reported while there and subsequently on his way to Washington all that could be desired. In Washington he was ordered for a mental examination, but evidently concluded that this was an unnecessary proceedingavoring of persecution and that he would not submit to it. He then disappeared and has not since been heard from. The theory of foul play is not entertained by those familiar with him, and doubtless he will appear when he considers the matter in all its bearings.



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nence to the ruling of the War Department that the  
prohibition as to re-enlistments in the army contain-  
ed in the act approved February 27, 1893, does not  
include saddlers, blacksmiths and farriers, company  
musicians, artificers, wagoners and acting hospital  
stewards. The prohibition does include lance cor-  
porals and band musicians!

## AMERICAN MILITARY LITERATURE.

A PAPER on "Military Literature," recently read  
before the lyceum at Madison Barracks, N. Y., by  
Capt. J. A. Baldwin, 9th Inf., calls attention to the  
importance of emancipating ourselves from a too  
complete dependence upon foreign publications for  
our instruction in the art of war. Capt. Baldwin  
declares that history makes no record of any other  
Army campaigning as our own Army did during  
the days of our great war in a wilderness of prime-  
val forests, or covering by active service such a  
vast territory, "from the green hilled Atlantic, three  
thousand miles to the sun set shores of the West,  
and from the British line on the North to the fron-  
tier on the South, over three million square miles.  
Indian warfare has found our Army in the snow  
burdened plains in Arctic weather, and the sun  
bleached sand desert of Arizona in heat as intense  
as that of India. The result of all this unique ex-  
perience, in the production of military literature,  
has been entirely inadequate. We depend for our  
information upon military subjects largely upon  
works written by English officers, or upon trans-  
lations from continental writers. We have mater-  
ial for military literature in abundance; all we need  
is the writers. The text books at our Infantry and  
Cavalry schools on modern tactics, operations of war  
and topography, minor tactics, horses and stables,  
seats and saddles, elementary field engineering and  
on field tactics are all foreign. Of the ninety-  
three military books kept for sale at the school only  
thirteen have been written by Americans. Four of  
these are law books; another is Clark's "Building  
Superintendence," and only eight are properly  
classed as military literature, viz: Johnson's Sur-  
veying, Tidball's Artillery, Myer's Signalling, Cal-  
lef's Machine Guns, Campaign of Konigratz, Ed-  
mund's Minor Operations of War, Haupt's Military  
Bridges. Until within a few years the students  
at West Point were taught strategy from a foreign  
text book, and the text books from which our offi-  
cers are examined for promotion are also foreign.  
Of what special merit are these foreign text books?  
asks Captain Baldwin, that we should send abroad  
for them. "In fact, there is nothing in them  
that could not be compiled by Americans." An  
English officer, Major Henderson, writing on the  
Civil War in America says:

"Every appliance which ingenuity or science  
could suggest was brought into play, and in very  
many matters Europe had been anticipated.  
Breechloaders, repeating rifles and ironclads were  
all of them first employed in America, and balloons,  
torpedoes, submarine mines, the telegraph and sig-  
nalling, were utilized to a degree hitherto unheard  
of; while the extraordinary engineering works of  
several campaigns have no parallel in European  
warfare. The Northern Army in the West found  
it necessary to repair a line of railway one hundred  
and two miles in length. An infantry division  
eight thousand strong was detailed for the work.  
The whole of the tools necessary had to be forged  
by the men; no less than one hundred and eighty-  
two bridges had to be rebuilt. The work was done  
in forty days. Great sieges were also undertaken  
and earthworks and entrenchments assumed an im-  
portance far greater than hitherto been the case,  
and were applied with an ingenuity of which we  
have not a single previous example. Even from a  
very early stage, the cavalry was far more success-  
fully worked as the eyes and ears of the commander  
than by Prussians or Austrians in 1866; and in  
their mounted force the Americans have developed  
a new arm whose achievements are one of the most  
remarkable features of modern campaigns." Speak-  
ing of Tactics, the same author says: "One of their  
great Generals (American) thus speaks of the Con-  
federate attack: 'Whoever saw a Confederate line  
advancing that was not as crooked as a ram's horn.  
Each ragged rebel yelling on his own hook and  
aligning on himself.' If the attack by successive  
lines of skirmishers was invented by the Ameri-  
cans, so also was the advance by means of successive  
rushes." Captain Baldwin adds that "every branch of  
our Service during the war furnished unlimited data,  
for great lessons to be learned in the art and science  
of war, yet our officers, as a rule, are as silent as  
Egyptian mummies, preferring to admire and imi-  
tate European armies in perhaps the very matters  
which these armies learned from a close study of



our Civil War. This foreign officer, in concluding his lecture, advised his countrymen to study our war in preference to the Prussian wars in 1866 and 1870, advice which we might profit by."

From this it is argued that we should have a military literature of our own. As it is, only three of the forty-three books consulted by Shaw in the preparation of his "Elements of Modern Tactics" were written by Americans. Captain Baldwin says: "From the instituting of the Bureau of Military Intelligence in the War Department beneficial results may be hoped for if established and conducted upon broad lines and a fostering care is extended, a liberal aid and cordial encouragement given to the creation of an American military literature. The Military Service Institution, by throwing open to the competition of every officer and ex officer of the Army and offering a gold medal prize for the best essay on a designated military subject, has secured some of the ablest productions that have been written in any language. If the War Department would announce that it desired manuals of instruction on various subjects, that a Board of Officers would be convened to select for adoption the best solely on the grounds of merit, we soon would have a military literature. We have some few books by American authors which, under the generic term, may be classed in the category of military literature, but they have been mostly written in a peculiarly patronizing style for the militia, as if the military art was something unfathomably mysterious for the average healthy mind, and that the fullest mysteries could only be learned by the initiated of the professional craft."

"If our people are to become imbued with military instincts these must come from our military literature, not alone by cramming a lot of statistics, but by employing the intellect in comparing, digesting and reasoning upon acquired military information. Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, besides the enduring fame of their great deeds and the ever living memory of their names, have given to posterity in written form their version of war as they saw and understood it, and have not silently carried their experiences with them to the shores of the great river beyond. The deeds of our soldiers are the military monuments of the nation's greatness, yet the profession advances but slightly and posterity is but little benefited unless the fruit of knowledge and experience are put in written form so all may learn. There is plenty of ability and talent amongst our officers to create a distinctive American military literature, worthy of the nation's martial history, but incentives have been lacking and the best results can never be accomplished by selecting and detailing a particular individual with a pull to write a book for the instruction of the profession. There is a growing demand in this country for military literature. The records of the customs house prove this. Thousands of dollars worth of military text books are annually imported. We have a Regular Army of twenty-eight thousand men and an organized force of one hundred and six thousand National Guard—an army of one hundred and thirty-four thousand men, and nearly eight millions of men available for military service. From these statistics it would appear that there is an unlimited field for American military literature."

Captain Baldwin is undoubtedly correct in what he says as to the desirability of embodying our military experience in text books written by American soldiers. We doubt, however, whether it is possible to accomplish the result by individual enterprise, as the demand for distinctively military literature in this country has been heretofore too small to stimulate the efforts of either author or publisher. Were it otherwise we should have seen military books multiplying on every hand. We have, as Captain Baldwin shows, abundant material for the study of the art of war in our home experiences, and we have the men of trained intellects who are capable of drawing from these experiences their appropriate lesson. All that we need in addition are the readers of military books. In spite of existing discouragement we have some books written by American soldiers which are worthy of a place in any collection, and the new stimulus to study by Army officers resulting from our lyceum system may create the demand needed to secure others. It is only ne-

cessary to inquire what has been the average amount heretofore expended each year by Army officers for books relating to their profession to learn why it is that we have so few military books by American authors and American publishers. Show us where the demand for military literature is to be found and we will guarantee the supply. It cannot be done by counting up the men in uniform. In this calculation it is only the purchasers of military books who count.

In view of the absence of so many officers from their companies it is probable that Army Headquarters will have to abandon, as it did last summer, the summer practice marches contemplated by the orders of 1889-90. There may be some participation by the regulars with militia encampments in cases where requests are made by Governors of States, but beyond these events, and the usual summer outing of individual garrisons, the coming season does not promise any special active work.

Futile efforts have been made to induce Secretary Herbert to recall the new Navy Regulations, and submit them to a board for further revision before final promulgation. Secretary Herbert says he proposes enforcing the regulations issued by his predecessors until experience shows the necessity for revision. As a whole, the new regulations will stand. One paragraph which will probably be modified is 235, prohibiting officers from discussing for publication any public matter and writing for the public press. Secretary Herbert considers this paragraph too sweeping in its provisions, and he will probably modify it so as to allow officers to discuss or write upon subjects not detrimental to the interest of the Service.

We understand that Secretary Lamont has definitely shut down on all further details of Army officers to duty with the World's Fair. The reason for this is the large number of officers already absent from their regiments. The last detail was that of Lient. Dapray, and this was in consideration for the disappointments this officer has recently undergone. A long list of officers asked for by Gen. Miles was under consideration by Secretary Lamont for a long time, and he finally, one by one, disapproved each case, announcing that the War Department would not make any more details of this character. It is also understood that Col. Lamont is making a careful study of the list of special assignments with the view to a large reduction in the number of officers on detached service.

The project for sending eight companies of Infantry and the battalion of cadets from West Point to the World's Fair has been abandoned, owing to the refusal of the Park Commissioners to permit the encampment of troops inside the Fair Grounds. It is probable that the cost of transportation saved thereby will be utilized in making a limited number of changes in stations of troops. The Quartermaster General has reported that after the expenses of the Artillery changes recently ordered, have been paid there will still be \$60,000 left of the transportation fund for the current fiscal year. Gen. Schofield is now figuring to see how this fund can be used to the greatest advantage. The sum is hardly sufficient to permit an interchange of full regiments unless the distance is short or the travel performed entirely by marching. No extensive changes are therefore looked for, but a few transfers of several companies east may be expected to follow the orders issued this week for Troop F, 6th Cavalry, from Fort Niobrara, to relieve Troop C, 9th Cavalry, at Fort Leavenworth, the latter going to Fort Robinson.

A FORT MEADE correspondent, referring to an article in *Harper's Weekly*, in which W. R. Prior claims that all the best revolver shots are in New York, says: "There are men in the Army that can hit the size of a man, at ten yards, riding a horse at gallop, every time, with twenty yards intervals between figures, and men that can hit a 25 cent piece at ten yards with a revolver that pulls eight pounds four shots out of five. If Mr. Prior will take the trouble to look around he will find men in the United States cavalry that will throw his New York experts in the shade."

A DISPATCH of April 1 from Valparaiso reports rumors of an alliance between Brazil and Chili in the event that the former becomes involved in a war with Argentina.

THE Treasury Department report shows the balance standing to the credit of the permanent fund of the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., on Dec. 31, 1892, at \$2,504,061.42, an increase since Sept. 1, 1891, of \$24,075.08.

LIEUTENANT A. M. PALMER, 24th U. S. Inf., contributes to the April number of the *United Service* a timely article entitled "Reform Needed in the Paper Work of the Army." The initiated know the necessity for reform in the direction indicated, for year after year the volume increases and the question now often asked is: "Where will it all end?"

THIS year's honorable mention order to be issued from the War Department in a few days will contain fewer names than usual. Beyond a few acts of bravery in connection with the saving of life there were few incidents to record for the past year. Gen. Wheaton may have several recommendations to make in behalf of some of the officers and men engaged in the Garza campaign. The order will not be promulgated until he has been heard from.

If the general tendency of the Indian soldier is to celebrate pay day with a superabundance of "fire-water" there are some notable exceptions. Co. I, 3d Infantry, is one of these. On last pay day twenty out of the twenty-six Indian soldiers of this company made deposits of all their earnings for the month. This is a much larger percentage of deposits than made by the average white company and speaks well for the progress of this particular troop, which is said to be one of the most intelligent of the Indian soldier contingent. The pay roll shows that only four out of the company are unable to sign their names.

THE pension question seems to be the cause of some difference of opinion between many G. A. R. posts, but the general sentiment appears to be in favor of the resolution recently passed by Noah L. Farnham Post of New York, the preamble of which stated that "the only veterans entitled to pensions are those who by wounds or disabilities incurred in the service of their country are prevented from earning a living." The resolution itself read: "Resolved, That any old soldier or sailor who applies for or accepts a pension, except under the conditions above set forth, is, in the opinion of this post, guilty of conduct calculated to injure the good men who were and are willing to give their lives for their country without any reward save the approval of their own conscience and that honorable fame that is due to every patriot."

LIEUTENANT S. E. STUART, Ordnance Department, in his essay on "The Army Organization Best Adapted to a Republican Form of Government," recommends a force consisting of sixty regiments of infantry, 60,000 men; fifteen regiments of cavalry; 12,000 men; forty battalions of field artillery, each of three four-gun batteries, 450 guns, and 120 battalions of artillery, 30,000 men; absorbing 700 officers of infantry, 175 of cavalry, 142 of field artillery and 427 of heavy artillery, and giving a total of 1,444 Nuclear class and about 3,000 supplemental and reserve class officers and about 110,000 men, of which about one-tenth would be of the Nuclear, three-tenths of the supplemental and the remainder of the reserve class. The present force numbers 875 officers of infantry, 430 of cavalry and 274 of artillery, a total of 1,580; hence, such a reorganization, with the increase of the general staff made necessary by it, would just about absorb the officers at present in service; and any partial change would absorb the officers displaced.

THE N. Y. Sun says: "Last year the roll of members and enlisted men to whom medals have been given for having distinguished themselves by personal gallantry and good conduct in battle, began with that of Col. Pennypacker as highest in rank among them. This year, in the new Register, it is headed by Maj. Gen. Schofield, who appears on it for the first time, having, as is shown, received a medal 'for conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Wilson's Creek, Aug. 10, 1861.' When it is reflected that the act of Congress authorizing the President to confer these medals dates back to March 3, 1863, it will be seen that about thirty years have since elapsed. This, therefore, seems to be a very curious instance of the slowness with which these rewards are sometimes reached; for Gen. Schofield has been a very conspicuous figure during the last thirty years, and it is a matter of surprise that with the exploit for which the medal has been conferred occurring so long ago, his name should now for the first time appear among the list of the exceptionally gallant."



THE unusual occurrence of an ex-officer of the army enlisting as a private has just come to light. Second Lieutenant Philip Hawley, 16th Inf., who was dropped from the rolls of the army as a deserter in June last, after having left his station to avoid trial for duplication of pay account is the person concerned. A telegram to the War Department on Thursday last announced the fact of his enlistment at Fort Sherman, Idaho, under an assumed name. As he is wanted in St. Lake City for forgery, he will probably be turned over to the civil authorities of that city. He will not be allowed to serve in the army in any capacity.

THE friends of Colonel and Mrs. H. C. Corbin will be pained to learn that they have suffered the loss of another daughter—the fourth since the dreaded brakebone fever invaded their happy home in Texas some years ago. Miss Rebecca Strickie Corbin, who had been an invalid since attacked with the dangerous disease, is the last addition to the death-roll. She died at the home of her parents in Washington on Easter Sunday evening, in the seventeenth year of her age. Colonel and Mrs. Corbin accompanied the remains to Wilmington, Ohio, where the interment took place on the 5th inst.

CONCERNING the right of the Government to deduct the usual 12½ cents per month for the Soldiers' Home Fund from the pay of privates who are shut out from re-enlistment after ten years' service by the Proctor law, the Commanding General of the Army has decided that "While the act of February 27, 1893, operates as a hardship to certain soldiers, it does not repeal the law deducting 12½ cents per month from pay for the Soldiers' Home (R. S. 4819) and it does not entirely take from them the benefits of the Home. By Sections 4814 and 4821 it will be seen that they would be entitled to the benefits of the Home in case of incapacity by reason of disease or wounds incurred in the service and in the line of duty."

THE status of the commanding officer of the Infantry and Cavalry School, as regards his immediate commander, has been clearly and emphatically defined by the Commanding General of the Army in a recent communication to Gen. Miles. Some days ago Gen. Miles was directed to order a competent officer to investigate the troubles in the Chocotaw nation. He selected Col. E. F. Townsend, 12th Inf., the commanding officer of the school. Col. Townsend telegraphed to Washington to know if he was to obey the orders of Gen. Miles. The result was a telegram from Army headquarters directing him to remain in Ft. Leavenworth and a letter to Gen. Miles revoking the orders for an officer to be sent to the Chocotaw nation and stating very clearly that Army headquarters alone exercised jurisdiction over that school and its officers.

THERE was a very interesting discussion at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the institution of Naval Architects, commencing in London, on March 21, on the subject of the present position of cruisers in naval warfare. It was suggested by a paper on this subject, read by Rear-Admiral Long, and another on merchant-cruisers, by Lord Brassey, which said: Of the ten largest steamships of the world seven are British. Of the fourteen ocean steamers of nineteen knots speed and above engaged in the Atlantic trade, six are British, five German, two belong to the United States, and one to France. Supported by lavish subsidies, mail steamers sailing under other flags are running a closer race every year with the British lines of ocean steamers. He gave the following as the amount of the subsidies paid for mail services conducted under their national flag by the leading maritime States:—

	Amount paid.	Foreign trade
France.....	£1,043,513	£300,000,000
Germany.....	1,000,000	313,000,000
Russia.....	450,000	111,000,000
Italy.....	400,000	182,000,000
Great Britain.....	685,000	740,000,000

The subsidies paid by Great Britain are nearly covered by the receipts on foreign and colonial letters. In addition the P. & O. Company receives £340,000, the Messagerie Maritime £554,000, the North German Lloyd £220,000, the Navigazione Generale £380,000, the Compagnie Transatlantique £446,320, the Austrian Lloyds £130,000, The Teutonic and Majestic receive from the Admiralty about £650 and from the Post-office, on the average, £1,000 per voyage. The American postal subsidy will give the Inman Line £2,480 per voyage for 20-knot steamers. Admiral Colomb spoke of the navy craze at different times for certain qualifications supposed to be necessary at any price. First, we had the short, handy ship mania, a complete delusion long since abandoned. Then nothing was talked of but the steady gun platform. Next was the rage for very big guns; just now we seem to care for nothing but speed. But he really thought they would agree with him in thinking that it was no use to have a ship which could overtake an enemy, and having done so, would be too weak to fight her.

SECRETARY LAMONT has promised to give early attention to the subject of brevets for Indian service, and there is talk of appointing a board to revise the list.

SHOULD the Senate adjourn during the coming week, as rumored, it is expected that the nomination of a Brigadier General, an Assistant Quartermaster and an Assistant Paymaster in the Navy will be made during the early part of the week.

THE War Department has been flooded with protests against the suspended order directing Lieut. Dapray to relieve Capt. Sharpe, and the order will be revoked.

THE New York Commandery of the Military Order, at its meeting on Wednesday reconsidered its action in the case of Comdr. Jewell, and referred it for further consideration to the Board of investigation. It being the annual meeting a large number were present, and the sentiment was so overwhelmingly in favor of this action that there was no opposition.

SOME indication as to the policy of the new Administration in reference to Army matters may be found in the action of President Cleveland in the case of 2d Lieut. David P. Cordray, 8th Inf., the young officer, who owing to a failure in Spanish, was detained at the Academy for two months after the rest of his class graduated. On the recommendation of the Academic Board and of the Board of Visitors, who appreciated his high standing in other studies, Congress at the last session passed an act authorizing the President to renominate him as second lieutenant to date from June 12, 1891, the same date the other members of his class received their commissions, instead of Aug. 29, 1891. This act President Cleveland has refused to carry out, holding that while a compliance with it would doubtless be very gratifying to Lieut. Cordray and his friends, the interests of the twenty-nine officers, non-commissioned officers and civilians, who were commissioned in the interval between June 12 and Aug. 29 should also be considered.

THE remaining members of the Infantry Sword Board, which did not materialize, have received orders to return to their regiments, with the exception of Capt. Clapp, who has been granted four months sick leave. Lieut. Col. Hawkins, 23d Inf., it will be remembered, returned to his regiment only a day or two after his arrival in Washington, or as soon as he learned from Gen. Schofield that the Board was not wanted. While waiting for Secretary Lamont to look into the matter, Capt. Geo. Andrews, 25th Inf., Capt. W. H. Clapp, and 2d Lieut. Sebree Smith, 2d Art., the other members of the proposed board, were directed to remain in Washington. Secretary Lamont has finally agreed with Gen. Schofield that there was something suspicious about the method employed to get a board secretly together to pass judgement upon a particular make of a sword which had already been rejected by the War Department, and has formally decided that the board will not be convened.

IT should be stated in justice to Capt. Charles King, that the criticism appended to a letter which appeared in the JOURNAL of March 25 was intended to apply only to his latest story in Lippencott's Monthly, "Warning's Peril." Our notices of Capt. King's previous works show how far we are from intending to assert that he has done no serious work. He has a well deserved reputation as a delineator of Army life, which is based upon such stories as the "Colonel's Daughter," and "Marion's Faith." That his stories presenting another side of Army life should have found less favor with the Service is not strange. But where Shakespeare draws an "Othello" and a "Desdemona," he also pictures an "Iago." The "Merchant of Venice" and "Shylock" go together, and the art of the novelist, as of the dramatist, is to present the varying shades of real life. As Capt. King has received the praise justly due to much excellent work, so he must accept such criticism as follows his other endeavors to meet the demand which has arisen for the fruit of his pen, and which is in itself a recognition of his undoubted talent as a novelist.

IT is stated that on Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday Chaplain Vattman, U. S. A., of Ft. Sheridan, Ill., made a suggestion to the men to take the pledge for the forty days of Lent, and that within the space of one hour, out of 100 asked, 38 put their names down, and before the week terminated the enrollment reached 200.

#### LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Lt. F. T. Stetson, 2d Inf., ordered before Retiring Board at Ft. Sherman, Idaho, consisting of Maj. J. D. Hall, Surgeon; Capt. W. H. Bisbee, 4th Cav., Lt. W. E. Purviance, Asst. Surg., and L. A. Lovering, 4th Inf.

Asst. Surgeon D. M. Appel to duty at the World's Fair as assistant to attending surgeon.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

COLONEL PATTER JONES YORKE, who died March 31, at Point Pleasant, N. J., served with distinction during the war as an officer of volunteers. He entered the Naval Academy in 1850, but left before graduation.

MAJOR THOMAS N. NEWSON, U. S. Consul at Malaga, died there March 31 of malignant small-pox. He served with great credit during the war as a Commissary of Subsistence of volunteers, and held many important positions.

MRS. PHILIP HAMILTON, the widow of the youngest son of Alexander Hamilton, died April 1 at her house in Poughkeepsie, in her 80th year. Mrs. Hamilton was the eldest daughter of Col. Louis McLane, of Delaware, who was Secretary of State and Minister to England under President Jackson. She had two sons, Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, of New York City, and Capt. Louis McLane Hamilton, 7th U. S. Cavalry, who was killed in the battle with the Cheyennes on Wichita River, Nov. 28, 1868, while gallantly leading his command.

COLONEL CHARLES THOMPSON, the last prisoner to be released from Libby Prison, died in New York March 31. While living in Williamamie, Conn., where he joined the militia, from which he got his military title, he attempted to make his way from Fort Monroe to Newberne, N.C., while on a business trip South during the war, but was captured by the rebels in the Dismal Swamp and was held a prisoner for twenty-two months.

GENERAL HIRAM BERDAN, the inventor of the Berdan long range funder, torpedoes and rifle, died suddenly at the Metropolitan Club, Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of March 31. He had been ill for some time with angina pectoris. Gen. Berdan had a short conversation with the secretary of the club, Maj. Sanger, to whom he remarked that he was not feeling very well. A few minutes later he engaged in a game of chess with Admiral Crosby. Suddenly his head dropped and he began to breathe heavily and died almost instantly. Gen. Berdan was about seventy years of age. He was appointed Colonel of the 1st U. S. Sharpshooters on Nov. 30, 1861, and was brevetted Brigadier-General of Volunteers for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Chancellorsville, and Major-General of Volunteers for bravery at the battle of Gettysburg. Gen. Berdan was for several years in Russia, and entered into contracts with Russia for furnishing the Czar's Army with large supplies of the rifle bearing his name. A daughter of Gen. Berdan was married to T. Marion Crawford, the well known writer, who met her in Russia. Another daughter is the wife of Count Domi.

THE Montana Baptist Record for March publishes a likeness with a biography of Chaplain I. Newton Ritzer, Post Chaplain, Fort Keogh, Mont., who is described as a Baptist who has given himself to looking after the spiritual interests of our "boys in blue," "a gallant soldier of the Lord and liberty." It says: "The Baptists of Montana have just reason to be proud of their representatives in the army. Chaplain Bateman at Fort Assiniboine, already made known to all our readers through our columns, and Chaplain Ritzer at Fort Keogh. Hon. John H. Mitchell, U. S. Senator, has nominated Chaplain Bateman to be a delegate to the World's Temperance Congress, which meets in Chicago early in June, and also to the World's Congress of Religion, which meets in Chicago during September."

LIEUTENANT J. T. FRENCH, 4th Art., accompanied by Mrs. French, left Washington March 30 for Hathaway Park, Lebanon, Pa., where he will remain until he has fully recovered from the severe shaking up he received by being thrown from his horse on inauguration day. When well enough for duty he will report to Col. Brook, A. A. G., for service in connection with the revision of the Army Regulations.

MISS LULU POPE and her brother Francis, only daughter and youngest son of the late Gen. and Mrs. John Pope, are the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Pope at Fort Leavenworth. Francis has passed a creditable examination for admission to West Point during the current year. Francis is a Fort Leavenworth boy, where he first saw light in 1876.—K. C. Times.

The Magazine Gun Board met at the Springfield, Mass., Armory on Monday, March 27, all the members being present. Francis Bannerman presented the Spencer-Lee 45-calibre; J. P. Lee his latest model with a bolt having a direct forward and backward motion instead of a turning handle and bolt; Arthur Savage an improved model of the gun shown last year; Major W. R. Livermore, C. E. U. S. A., two Russell-Livermore guns of 303-calibre and also a new gun embodying all his latest improvements; H. H. Durst four guns, two of 303 calibre and two of 30-calibre with modifications and improvements; Lieutenant C. E. Gillett, C. E. U. S. A., a 30-calibre gun, embodying some of the parts of the old Springfield arm; the White Magazine Arms Company of Washington, D. C., presented the invention of Lieutenant H. K. White, of the Marine Corps. Guns were presented by the Brooks Arms and Tool Company of Portland, by J. H. Aaton of Aurora, Ill., and T. B. Wilson of Springfield, Mass. The tests began on Friday with the gun of Lieutenant Harry K. White, U. S. M. C. In the first test, which was for rapidity with accuracy, a portion of the operating slide was broken and the gun was withdrawn for repairs. The Savage gun was next fired by inventor, Arthur Savage of Utica, N. Y., on the safety test. The Board then put the gun through the different tests for rapidity, with accuracy and at will, and for endurance, and continued the firing up to the supplementary stage. The Board had intended to devote Saturday to the test of the Gillett gun, but that being found impossible they adjourned until Monday, when the Durst guns were tested. Owing to some slight defects which promised to be easily rectified, a request for withdrawal was granted, and both will again be considered. The trial of the Durst No. 3 was commenced on Tuesday, but it was brought to a conclusion by the failure of the supply of special rimless cartridges. Modifications are to be made in the guns Nos. 2 and 4. John H. Blake, of New York, who was to exhibit his gun, telegraphed that he could not come. The Livermore-Russell gun was then tested.



## THE STATE TROOPS.

Seventh New York.—Col. Appleton.

The regiment assembled for review by Brig.-Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, commanding 1st Brigade, N. G., S. N. Y., and adjutant, on Thursday evening, March 30. The regiment was out with its usual strength, and was equalized into the battalions of four companies of twenty-four files each. Maj. Kipp commanded the 1st Battalion with Lieut. Schan as adjutant. Capt. Poilard the 2d, with Lieut. McMan as adjutant, and Capt. Abrams the 3d, with Lieut. Abbott as adjutant. The call for assembly was sounded promptly and but little time was lost in the equalization. The men were fixed and the regiment then formed in three lines, after which the battalions were formed in line of review for the review. Gen. Fitzgerald was accompanied by his full staff.

The men were very steady during the review in line, the regiment certainly looked very handsome in the very full dress and white duck trousers. After the review in line the battalions changed direction to the left flank, for the purpose in review. The regiment was then fixed to the right so as to gain space, and then the left. The companies all passed in excellent shape, at distances were well kept. The salutes of the officers were very good, and those of the staff were the best we have seen for some time, being well timed and in unison. After the passage, the regiment reformed in three lines. Adjutant's call for dress parade was then sounded. In reformation of the line of captain, those of the second and third line were rear. Regimental line was then formed for the parade, and the 1st Battalion in order to arrive on the line, the column of four, by the command, column of four, 1st company, "right, forward four, right." The column then changed direction to the left, then to the right, then to the left again, and then executed "on right, into line." The ceremony of the parade was very well executed. It seems a pity, however, that this regiment, so proficient in other respects, will persist in dropping the pieces with a bang in the "order arms," in direct contradiction to what is intended or proper. In dressing the left hands were not brought up to the hip.

At the conclusion of the parade, Gen. Fitzgerald presented the additional bars for 25 years service to Capt. Daniel Nesbitt, of Co. B, and Lieut. Walter S. Wilson, of Co. E, 25 years service to Capt. Wm H. Palmer, I. R. P., Co. M, and F. Long and Drummer William Chant, and for 15 years to Lieut. William J. Underwood and Edward L. Scholl, Sergeants. William H. Heiser, Edward W. Burnette and William H. Folsom; Corporals Charles S. Clark, Pvt. George L. Andrus and Joseph R. Dederer.

The following received the Cross of Honor for ten years service: Adj. Francis G. Landon, Lts. J. Watson Cockran, Chas. M. Appleton; and W. B. Bradley, Sergeants. Arthur E. White, James Wetherspoon, and John Jay Hite, Jr. Corp. James A. Jenkins, John Hallett Clark, Arthur P. Gately, Clarence L. Smith, Frederick R. Lee, and Robert M. Kallach; Privates Ezra W. Bennett, John W. Scott,

Arthur Fitch, Harry S. Morris, Arthur J. Woods, William H. Van Kleeck, Jr., Eugene Horton, Robert L. Major, Alonzo Hebbard, Henry B. Boyd, and James L. Bayea. During the presentations the band favored the audience with "My Love is the Man in the Moon," and "Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow Wow."

Considerable interest was attached to the occasion by reason of the fact that it marked the first appearance of Walter R. Wors as successor to the late Bandmaster Capts. Rogers acquitted himself very creditably, and the selections at the concert, after the military ceremonies, were very finely rendered. Gen. Fitzgerald and staff were entertained by Col. Appleton.

The detail for guard was as follows: Officer of the day, Capt. Geo. B. Rhoads; officers of the guard, Lieuts. Jas. B. Dowson and Wm. J. Underwood; five corporals and fifty privates. Adjutant's call for guard mounting was sounded at seven o'clock P. M.

Owing to the great success of "Ponce de Leon," produced by the 8th Co. (H) Dramatic Association last season, the author has written another entirely original and even more laughable burlesque, portraying life in New York and New-Port, entitled "Dust or 'Where There's a Will There's a Way," which the association will produce for the first time on any stage, at the Berkeley Lyceum, on the evenings of April 13, 14 and 15. The cast, with few exceptions, contains the same members of Co. H who so ably handled "Ponce de Leon," and a very enjoyable evening is promised all who attend. All companies so desiring may have blocks of seats set aside for them by addressing the business manager, Sergt. Jocelyn, Co. H. The 8th and other companies have already secured large blocks of seats. Six or seven new songs and choruses are in the play, and will be sung by a well trained chorus, which includes many members of the Glee Club, from other companies. There are 35 speaking characters in the play. No expense has been spared so far as costumes are concerned, and the diplomatic and military uniforms and dresses of the "ladies" will be made by the best tailors and dressmakers of the city. Reserved seats, \$1.50; boxes (holding 11), \$30. May be had of any member of the following committee: W. J. Underwood, chairman, 170 Broadway; L. J. Jocelyn, 300 2d Avenue; J. A. Davidson, 18 Stone st.; Harry M. Libby, 70 Cedar st.; Arthur Drake, secretary, 81 Fulton st.; T. Le C. Jacques, Lincoln Bank, 84 West 42d st.; D. B. Mercein, 10 Greene st.; G. H. Tierce, 30 South William st.

## Twenty-Second New York.—Colonel Camp.

The regiment assembled for review at its armory by Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, 1st Brigade on the evening of April 3, a very large audience being present. Adj. Hart lost little time in the equalization, which was 16 file, the regiment being divided into three battalions of four companies each, officered as follows: 1st Battalion, Maj. Bartlett; Adj. Lt. Treadwell; Sergt. Maj. Murphy. 2d Battalion, Capt. Hart; Adj. Lt. Ball; Sergt. Maj. Sergt. Kramer. 3d Battalion, Capt. Demarest; Adj. Lt. Asten, Sergt. Maj. Butler. At 1st Adjutant's call the battalion formation was in three lines, and counting from Adjutant's call to the command "guides post" was completed in 1 minute and 30 seconds. At 2d Adjutant's call the regiment was handily formed

in line of masses for review. Col. Camp was in command. Gen. Fitzgerald was accompanied by all his staff, who, when starting in their passage around the lines, ranged themselves by threes, the staff of the Colonel (with the exception of the Adjutant, who was on the right) being in the rear. Par. 693, D. R., says: "The colonel's staff place themselves on the right of the staff of the reviewing officer." In the passage while every company went by in elegant shape, and there was but little to choose, the companies of the 2d Battalion made the most perfect showing. The salute of the colonel's staff was ragged. The next event was parade, the battalion formation being the same as in the review, and completed in 1 minute and 55 seconds. The second formation was in line and made in 3 minutes and 13 seconds. Lt. Col. King was in command of the parade. This ceremony, like the preceding one, was remarkably good, and both reflect the greatest credit on the regiment. The steadiness of the men was noteworthy, guides were prompt, the manual nicely executed, and "order arms" was executed as prescribed—without shock to the piece—and while not as silently as in old times, it was all that could be asked for. The distances and intervals were properly preserved throughout the evening, and there was a neat finish to the movements, which one expects to see from a regiment of the well known standing of the 22d. Company C, Capt. Lilliedahl was ordered to the front and centre, and awarded the Marion Sims trophy for the ensuing year. Corp. J. P. Kopp of that company having received the highest percentage in the competitive examination of the Ambulance Corps in March 23. A reception concluded the evening's entertainment.

## Forty-seventh New York.—Col. Eddy.

The 31st anniversary of the regiment was becomingly celebrated at their armory on last Monday evening. There was a review by Gen. J. V. Moore, parade and regimental drill. First call was sounded at 8.10 P. M.; assembly followed at 8.15. Companies were formed in double rank, which is the proper way to form a company. 1st sergeant in forming his company should form the front and centre of his company, call the roll, count four, complete the left four, and divide, if necessary, it into platoons without leaving his position. Companies carefully inspected, both the pieces and uniforms, etc., but boxed in many cases not opened, and again, boxes should not be closed until inspected. A non-com. officer after his piece was inspected returned to an order, then to position of unfixed bayonet, 1st sergt. call 5.31, the equalization was the same as usual, 10 of 16 into two battalions. Some 1st sergt. stood with pieces at a carry. Adjutant's call for review 8.58. Formation was in two lines, smoothly executed. 2d company, 1st battn., did not preserve the three pace distance, and at guide's post the left guide of the 1st company and right guide of 2d company were elbow to elbow. We must call the drum major's attention to the prescribed signals, particularly position of staff to march. The battalions were presented from this formation and broke into fours by command from Lt. Col. Hubbell, who was in command, as Col. Eddy was suffering from a bad cold. The battalions were officered as follows: 1st Battn.—Maj. Pettigrew; adjt., Lt. Lyon, Co. A; sergt.

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Adj. Gen. Knab, N. C. S. 2d Bn. Capt. Eddy; adjt., Lt. Olsen, Co. B, sergt. maj., Serjt. Dixon, N. C. S. The review was in line of masses. Right guide of leading company, 3d battn., with too much distance and did not wait for guides post before taking position on right of his company; there also seemed to be considerable doubt as to the point of rest. The veterans marching in column of two appeared and took position in front of colors. A fine looking body of men. Gen. Meade was accompanied by Col. Howard, ex Capt. Swartz, 47th Regt., and Lt. Anderson, the last three from the 4th Regt., Maryland.

In presenting the battalions, the commander of the second battalion was slow in saluting.

During review, with the exception of a few heads in first company, first battalion men stood very steady. In the change direction by the left flank, second company, first battalion, entered column too far which had its effect on the third, fourth and fifth companies. The passage in review was as follows: First battalion, distances very good; salutes fair. Intervals first, second and fifth companies, well preserved, but no intervals kept in third and fourth companies. Second battalion, distances good; salutes but fair. Intervals of second and third companies only preserved; rear rank of fourth company very ragged. The battalions were wheeled into line and dismissed.

The formation for the parade which followed was unequalled, which made it two battalions of four companies each. First Adjutant's call, 9:05. Battalions formed nicely. Right guide second company, second battalion, was about opposite the sixth file from the left of the first company. First sergeant's duties in reporting on "parade" are clearly defined and they should familiarize themselves. We have reference to the first sergeant in the first battalion, where one sergeant made an error and was followed by the others. Second Adjutant's call, 9:05, which was prompt work, as the companies moved from their company street. Formation was in line and neatly performed requiring less than a minute. Officer's sword should be at an "order" with the "arms" of the men. Also the point of the sword at "parade rest" should be at or near the ground in front of the center of the body. Many of the points of the sword were in the position of "order." Steadiness was in order during sound off and retreat. In presenting the battalion the Adjutant had faced about and presented the same to the Colonel before Commander of second battalion had saluted. Manual of arms very creditable, but they can improve on the "order." One man in third company, first battalion, in executing "parade rest" dropped his piece. At this point four service medals were presented to eight men of the regiment.

115-100 per cent. medals were presented, of which Company D, Captain Christoffel, Jr., received 36, a commendable showing. The parade was finished in good shape, but while Colonel was addressing the officers the left four of the first company, second battalion, including the left guide, executed "rest." Also several men in first and second companies, first battalion, pounding their pieces on the floor by way of applause.

In closing ranks the 1st battalion executed same without the command of execution. The battalions were equalized into 8 cos., of 16 files for drill in command of Lt. Col. Hubbell. Column of masses, faced to the rear, 1st co., 1st battn. column left. If captains of cos. had changed direction 8 paces behind they would not have had to move their cos. forward after wheeling into line. Change direction by the right flank was executed by battalions. Both of the above movements being repeated showed improvement. Captain of 1st co., 2d battn., in playing into column made no attempt to dress his co. when Adj. had so designated, also some captain entered the column with his co., in executing the change of direction. In two lines deploy column, captain of 1st co., 1st battn., dressed his co. to the left when he should have dressed it to the right; guides should post themselves less than 20 paces apart. Column of four break from the right to march to the left, 2d battalion a little slow in stepping off. In two lines, left front into line captain of 2d co., 1st battn., should have given command, column left, not half left. Column of four, 1st battn., four right, marching in four, distances fairly kept and intervals generally well preserved. Column of masses, 1st co., 1st battn., column right, 1st co., went column right then column left, then played in to close column, which badly confused the 2d battn. After getting straightened out executed on right, into line, in double time. Guides should precede their cos. by 20 paces. On left, into line of cos. in columns was well executed.

Take full distance guide left, turns very fair, but a trifle too much hurry on marching flank. Street column, nicely formed by each battalion. "form square," captains slow in giving their commands to wheel by fours. To form again in cos. the command should be simply, column of cos. march, guide right or left, and not as given by 2d battn. Comdr. cos. right and left front into line. Dismissed at 10:15. Bugle was used whenever it was practicable. The left arm was raised in every alignment, which is the common sense thing to do. There was considerable doubt when to bring the piece to the shoulder, whether from preparatory command of battn. comdr. or captain.

#### FOURTH BATTALION, D. C.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

My attention having been called to a letter in the JOURNAL of April 1, signed by James G. Simpson, Captain Co. B, 4th Battn., Inf., D. C. N. G., in which he claims an injustice was done his company in my report of the Inaugural Parade, which appeared in the issue of March 11, and of which letter the following is a recapitulation: "The color company of the 2d Regt., I state positively that the salute was made, and properly too, when passing the Presidential stand. When I say 'properly,' I mean according to the U. S. tactics." I desire to make the following statement, for the information of Capt. Simpson, and all others interested: From the position I occupied on the north side of the Pennsylvania Ave., opposite the reviewing stand, I saw the color Co. of the 2d Regt., D. C. N. G., as it approached the

reviewing point, saw the President remove his hat and remained uncovered during the passage of said Co., and that the colors were not lowered in salute while passing the President.

If additional proof of the above is required, I would call attention to a report of the parade contained in a paper called the *National Guardsman*, of date of March 15, 1893, in which the same error, in passing the reviewing stand, is noted, in the criticism of the 4th Battn., D. C. N. G. The correspondent of said paper holds the commission of captain in the District National Guard; and it is to be presumed he would not charge his organization with the commission of an error of which it was not guilty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, 1893.

THOS. J. IRWIN.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### OHIO.

The 2d battalion, 17th Inf., Ohio N. G., Maj. H. P. Ward, composed of Cos. F of Coshocton, B of Athens, K of Hebron and H of Chillicothe, were reviewed and inspected by the Adjutant General of Ohio and an officer from the Inspector General's Dept., U. S. A., Friday evening, April 7, at Burch Barracks, Hebron, O.

On Saturday, March 8, the semi-annual target practice and competition for battalion badges was to be held. The regimental band will be present on both days. The troops were in heavy marching order with 36 hours' cooked rations, making coffee over camp fires outside the armory building and sleeping on the armory floor.

#### COMING EVENTS.

We have received notification of the following:

- April 8.—Athletic games, 7th N. Y., at armory.
- April 10.—Athletic games, 12th N. Y.
- April 12, 13, 14.—Production of "Dust," at Berkeley Lyceum, by Co. H, 7th N. Y.
- April 12.—Calico ball and reception, 1st Battery, N. Y., at armory.
- April 12.—Dinner, Co. B, 9th Regt.
- April 12.—Minstrel entertainment, Naval Battalion, N. Y., at Manhattan Athletic Club Theatre.
- April 13.—Athletic games, 23d N. Y.
- April 15.—Review of Cadet Corps, 23d N. Y., at armory.
- April 21.—Reunion and dinner, Old Guard, 12th N. Y., at Hotel Savoy.
- April 24.—Review of 12th N. Y., at armory.
- April 24.—Regimental stag, 23d N. Y., at armory.
- April 24.—Review of 8th N. Y., at armory.
- May 6.—Dinner, Co. B, 7th Regt.

#### NAVAL MILITIA.

Massachusetts.—Ensign A. B. Deany, who was recently elected Lt.-Comdr. in the brigade, and who declined the same, has been elected Lt. (J. G.) in Co. C. An election will be ordered at an early date to elect a Lt.-Comdr., who will be assigned to the command of the 2d Battalion of the brigade. The new white caps for officers, to go with the white serge uniforms, in place of the helmets worn last year, have been very much admired. The pattern for them was imported from London England. The staff of the naval brigade has been assigned quarters in the third story of Irvington Street Armory and have already begun to furnish them. Numbering as they do upwards of thirty, it will take but a short time to give their rooms the most comfortable and homelike appearance of any in the South Armory. Although no orders have yet been received, preparations are being made and it is confidently expected that the brigade will start for New York, Monday, April 24, 1893.

New York.—The 1st Battalion, Comdr. Miller, will give a minstrel entertainment at the Manhattan Athletic Club Theatre on April 13. The talent will be picked from the members of the battalion, among whom are quite a number of star performers.

#### VARIOUS.

Co. B, 71st N. Y., Capt. Smith, will hold its closing drill at the Harlem Opera House Hall on the evening of April 8.

The officers of the 13th N. Y. will tender a dinner to Col. Austen on May 9 in celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a colonel.

Co. F, 23d N. Y., Capt. Silkman, will give a reception at the armory April 14. Co. K, Capt. Case, will hold a concert and reception on April 22.

Co. D, 47th N. Y., will be reviewed at the armory by Col. Eddy April 14. The veterans of the regiment have decided to hold their annual excursion at Point View Island on June 13.

The following appointments on the division staff, N. G. N. Y., are announced under date of April 1: Maj. Alexander Oliphant, Engineer, 2d Brigade, to be inspector, with rank of colonel; 1st Lieut. Harry P. Fairchild, late 12th Regt., N. G. S. N. Y., to be A. D. C., with rank of major.

There is a possibility that a portion of the New York National Guard may be ordered to parade in New York City on April 28.

The announcement made to the effect that Col. Dowd, of the 12th Regt., N. Y., would resign upon the return of the regiment from camp is a little premature. The colonel does intend to resign, but not until he can leave the regiment in a proper condition. If certain company officers would watch more closely the affairs of their companies, and endeavor to interest their men more, which some of them have neglected to do, they would help the regiment, as well as fulfill properly the responsibilities they voluntarily undertook.

Lieut. N. Morris, Co. F, 12th N. Y., who recently tendered his resignation, has accepted a detail as acting adjutant of the 2d battalion of the regiment.

The midsummer camp of the 1st Brigade, New York National Guard, is to be held this year at Sea Girt. The date is not yet fixed. There was some doubt that the summer camp would take place, but the decision that New Jersey would not send troops to Chicago settled it.

Co. B of St. Albans, Vt., received an official visit March 24 by Adj. Gen. Theodore S. Peck and Capt. Herbert E. Eddy, 1st U. S. Cav., who has been specially detailed by War Dept. as Military Instructor for the Vermont National Guard. Capt. Tuthery imparted some drill instruction to the company, which proved of benefit.

It may not be generally known that "Boston" Corbett, who shot J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was enlisted in 1861 in Co. I, 12th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y. This company was better known at the time as the National Grays, which was organized in 1861 as a part of the 57th Regt., which is now known as the Regiment.

The facilities afforded at Van Cortlandt Park, New York, for field instruction will be utilized by Gen. Louis H. Gerald about the middle of May in brigade evolutions, which all the organizations of the 1st Brigade will participate. This will afford an opportunity for practical work, which different commanding officers will be pleased to take advantage of.

The games of the 22d Regiment Athletic Club will be held at the armory, 65th St. and Western Boulevard on Tuesday evening, April 13. The events are open only to members of the regiment, and are as follows: 60 yard dash, 100 yard run, 200 yard run, 1 mile run, bayonet race, jump, 220 yard hurdle, 6' 0 yard novice, 2 mile bicycle, 10 mile 15 lb. shot, obstacle race, Gilmore's celebrated race will furnish the music, and dancing will follow the games.

The annual spring games of the 23d Regt., N. Y., Athletic Association, held at the armory April 1 attracted a large audience. Three new indoor records were established. H. K. Zust and F. C. Puffer, 23d Regt., clipped off 2 seconds of the record in the 220 yds. exhibition 3-legged race. The 220 yds. hurdlings record was broken by one-fifth of a second by F. W. Greene, 33d Regt., who made the distance in 18 seconds. Thos. Shearman broke the half mile walking record of the armory by 2 seconds.

The second games of the Tenth Battalion Athletic Association, at the armory, Albany, N. Y., will be held Wednesday, April 28, 1893, at 8 P. M. The following is the list of events, open to all amateurs, rules of A. A. U.: 50 yard run, 220 yards hurdle, 400 yards run, handicaps; 440 yard run, for novices, scratch; one mile run, one mile walk, mile safety, bicycle race, hop, step and jump, running high jump, standing high jump, hitch and kick, polo vault, height, all handicaps; potato race, sack race, obstacle race, scratch, and a relay race, four men, open to members of N. G. S. N. Y. Gold and silver medals and handsome prizes to first and second in each event. Entrance fee, 50 cents per man for each event. Entries close Saturday, April 24, with Q. M. Serjt. W. Howard Brown, Secretary, Tenth Battalion Athletic Association, 478 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.

The open amateur games of the 12th Regiment Athletic Club, to be held at the armory Monday evening, April 12, promise an evening of rare sport. Athletes from every city in New York and vicinity have entered, besides many in distant parts of the State. The entire Columbia College track team, comprising 25 athletes, have entered, and among the other colleges represented are those of Harvard and Yale. There are 73 entries in the 60 yard dash, 52 in the one mile run, 73 in the half mile run, 37 in the two mile bicycle, 73 in the novice, and the other events contain similarly numerous entries. The heavy marching order race, open to the National Guard, is a contest between the 12th, 13th, 22d and 23d regiments of the New York National Guard, and the 2d Regt., Connecticut. The total number of entries is 370. There will be an exhibition of fancy bicycle riding by the world renowned cyclist, W. S. Malby, and a reception with dancing will follow the games.

BUFFALO, March 30.—As an indirect result of his service during the Buffalo strike last summer, Lt. Edward L. Gager, 7th Regt., N. G. N. Y., died March 28 at a Sanitarium at Warsaw, N. Y. He was in command of a company, B Squadron Guards, all through the strike, and was exposed to a heavy rain one night while seeing that the men were as protected as possible. From this result rheumatism and he went to Warsaw to try the salt bath. The direct cause of death was edema of the glottis, brought on, it is said, by the rheumatism. Artificial respiration was tried, but he died unconscious within two hours. Lt. Gager was one of the best known men in Buffalo. His father was a captain and Edward was born 34 years ago. He received a high school education and about 10 years ago graduated in medicine from the Buffalo University. He enlisted in Co. B at the age of 18, rose through the non-commissioned grades, and became 1st lieutenant July 11, 1890. He was a tough soldier. About six years ago he distinguished himself as a pedestrian competitor in New York for fully equipped soldiers. He was a fine shot and for years had been one of the officers of the Bay View Rifle Association. The funeral was held with military honors March 30, a battalion of the 4th Regt. in command of Col. Fox escorting the body to the grave.

An account of the towing of the two Columbus caravels the *Pinta* and the *Nina*, from Spain to Cuba, written by an officer who participated in the work, is published in the current number of *Harper's Weekly*. The same number, besides other matter apropos of Columbus and the Columbus Exposition, contains a graphic description of the city of Havana, Cuba.

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## AN INFANTRY ASSOCIATION.

The Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In your last issue a correspondent mentions the fact that an attempt is being made to effect an Infantry Association similar to those now existing in the Cavalry and Artillery, and to publish an Infantry Journal. If such an association can be organized and conducted so as to concentrate attention upon some definite plan for giving us a modern organization and a thorough and efficient system of training for war service on modern lines, we have it. If it cannot do this, it will scarcely be of much benefit. It is impossible to prevent officers from imitating their private views on matters of Congress. These views seldom agree, and much harm has resulted from this lack of harmony to exist. If an association can be formed with sufficient power and influence to become the recognized mouthpiece of this important branch of Service, it might be of great benefit. Otherwise it will not be worth the time and labor consumed in bringing it up. In common with your correspondent, we are opposed to any effort towards publishing a journal. I have in mind a fable of the ox and the cart with one more journal we would be near the right point. The Military Service Journal has been brought up to a high state of perfection, and is entitled to our earnest support. The Artillery and Cavalry Journals have always drawn away many able contributors. In the last number we had four original articles, and one of these is prize essay and another is by a foreign officer. The "Rebellion." There is not a good original article in it. Our Service is scarcely extensive enough to support more than one good general magazine, and with our assistance and earnest support the present editors can maintain the high degree of excellence they have established. We gain strength by concentration; by scattering our efforts, we will be defeated in detail and accomplish nothing.

INFANTRY.

## THE DECLINE OF DISCIPLINE.

The Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

Those in a position to judge there is no fact more patent than that the discipline of the Army for several years past, steadily deteriorated. This is due principally to radical changes in administration matters resulting from the "desertion" of 1890, though before that period the evils of centralization had been apparent.

It has been well said that ex-Secretary Proctor's administration, though no one doubts, probably, he was well intentioned, was very prejudicial to the interests of the Service. His education, his position, the bent of his mind, precluded the possibility of a correct conception on his part of the character or requirements of that necessary evil, professional soldier. Added to this he labored under the disadvantage of having about his person in office counsellors who lacked both the experience and ability to act as such. The whole effect of late years has been to fill the ranks of the Army with a personnel to take the place of soldiers. This cannot be done.

The tendency of centralization has been to make the company commanders unduly timid in their administration, and their duties (as mere executive officers) are difficult and frequently vexatious to that degree. Even if they avoid the Scylla of being displeased they are apt to run against the Charybdis of the censure of the public press—generally open to the complaint of Private John Doe, confined, say, for drunkenness (previous to summary court) by his post commander in punishment of extreme hardihood.

We have the opinion of some of the best and most experienced officers of the Army that "the men are coddled too much." Men when they enlist do not take into consideration the nature of their duties. The very name of "soldier" conveys to the mind—or should do so—one who under a solemn oath to support the Government which supports and fosters him, expects to do his whole duty and to accept as a matter of course the hardships and privations inseparable from a life in the ranks. To be "amused," not to expect to have his tastes asked for and gratified, not even to be educated, but to do his whole duty according to lights and to the best of his ability.

These days the regulations governing the Army protect the enlisted man from injustice of kind and ensure him fair treatment. I refer to subject in its general aspect. It may be that

occasionally (though this from the very nature of things must be rare) a 1st sergeant, say, might be a little "down upon" some particular man. Human nature is the same among all classes of men. But no different soldiers frequently entertain the idea or fancy that they are imposed upon by those in authority over them.

Compulsory attendance at school is a mistake. It should be optional on the part of the soldier. The recruiting office is the place where the examination into the matter of education should begin and end. No man not fairly conversant with the three Rs. should be enlisted. After enlistment men should be encouraged, not compelled, to go to school, and every facility offered the ambitious soldier to improve his mind. A popular fallacy among civilians and one that they lay great stress upon is that the possession of great intelligence is necessary—or extremely desirable—in the private soldier. A fair amount of intelligence is necessary, but other things being equal, a soldier who knows enough to obey orders efficiently, who is strong, active, subordinate and as well intentioned and disciplined as the law allows is far superior to the "intellectual" man who lacks these qualities, even to a slight degree. The latter is apt to be bumptious.

The evil effects following the promulgation of General Orders 80 and 81, A. G. O. of 1890, have been commented upon so often, and the result of their enforcement has been so deplorable that it seems scarcely necessary to dwell upon this matter here further than to point out that the authorities have been compelled lately to modify them to some extent.

These orders permit a soldier in his first enlistment to claim his discharge after three years' service, and makes him a present of three months enforced idleness in the shape of a furlough. In addition he can "purchase out" at any time after one year's service. But with all the so called advantages offered recruits nowadays the Government appears to have greater trouble in filling the ranks than under the old regime. It cannot be said that the men are more contented than they used to be, or that a specific for "that restless feeling" has yet been discovered. There is a strong probability that old soldiers prefer the Old Army with its superior discipline and just-knowing-where-they-stand feeling. It is just possible, too, that they felt more secure "all around." This applies more especially to non-commissioned officers.

It has frequently been said that in old times the attitude of the private soldier was more respectful toward the non-commissioned than it now is toward the commissioned officer. Men who call one another "Mr." as is sometimes done nowadays, are as much out of place in the ranks as are gentlemen. I do not refer to gentlemen, who enter the ranks with the object of procuring a commission. These are generally the sons of gentlemen without a political "pull."

It would be very unfair, in this connection, not to point especially to the fact that of late years much, very much, has been done for the welfare of the enlisted man, mental, moral and physical. He is most comfortably lodged and clothed, and extremely well fed, especially since the late increase in the ration. He has his club (the Post Exchange, an excellent institution), his library and reading room, bathing facilities, well lighted barracks, and other privileges and comforts. But one thing remains for Uncle Sam to do, and then he will obtain better material, and that is to put his hand in his pocket and give the enlisted man—especially the non-commissioned officer—more pay. The time has arrived when this should be done.

The recent legislation by Congress by which soldiers are forbidden—with some slight modifications—from re-enlisting or enlisting again after ten years' service, is one of the worst measures taken yet. The idea that a soldier who serves that length of time without obtaining his chevrons is not worth re-enlisting is entirely fallacious. Some of the best old soldiers in the ranks serve nearly all their Army lives as privates, a good many from the lack of that "education" now deemed, by the inexperienced, so essential. It is necessary to have old soldiers (by which is intended men that serve ten years or more) to leaven the lump. They are apt to go through with drill with less exactness than younger men—they have been often through that kind of business—but their example (if good men, as they generally are), knowledge of the details of military life, of field service, including some practical details in the main operations of war, etc., render them valuable. The real object of this legislation is to abolish the retired list for enlisted men, and it reflects no credit upon the originators of the measure.

Everything looking to the advancement of the commissioned officer professionally has been done. The system of education, generally, is an excellent one. The establishment of the lyceum and the preparation and reading of these has been of great value. The examination of officers for promotion, also, is a move in the right direction. Professionally, the modern United States Army officer is the peer of any in the world, with the single exception, perhaps, of the German officer. On the other hand, the possession and use of political influence (by those who have a "pull") is very demoralizing. It is very much to be regretted that many of the higher officers of the Army set a bad example in this respect. Those belonging to the knightly profession of arms should look down upon the professional politician.

F. A.

## PRAISE WELL DESERVED.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

When that eminent soldier and accomplished gentleman, General John G. Parke, was relieved at his own request from the command of the Military Academy in June, 1890, Colonel John M. Wilson was appointed as his successor, and now after nearly four years' service he, too, turns over the command to another distinguished officer of the Corps of Engineers, Colonel Oswald H. Ernst. The promise of its skillful management and continued prosperity for the immediate future is thus assured.

Colonel Wilson leaves the Academy after a remarkably successful administration of its affairs with the strongest evidences of the affection and personal and official respect of the entire command—professors, officers, cadets, soldiers and civilians. The same qualities of mind and heart that give the citizens of Washington cause to rejoice at his return to the Capital, have endeared him to the residents of West Point. It is a great pleasure to us and a just tribute to him to make public our high appreciation of his character as a man, and his ability as an officer, as exhibited in the discharge of the many difficult and delicate duties arising in the last four years and which he now transfers to his able successor.

The current and ordinary duties of the superintendent of the Military Academy and commandant of the post of West Point require of the incumbent a watchful care of the expenditure of the yearly appropriations in accordance with law, a supervision of the course and methods of instruction in studies and discipline, a close attention to the employment, discipline and health of the various persons connected with the Academy, the reception and entertainment of distinguished visitors and many other customary details of administration. An officer of mediocre ability assigned to such a position may come and go, and leave no lasting impression or may become notorious for the ill-effects which he leaves as a legacy of his tenure of office. There are ups and downs in this respect as in all other affairs of life, and it has happened that a superintendent has now and then been relieved from duty with a sense of relief to all concerned. So far, however, as Colonel Wilson is concerned it is, on the contrary, quite the reverse. He certainly found the Academy in an excellent condition and it is greatly to his credit that he left it better than he found it. And the reason is, that he loved the institution better than he loved himself and thus exemplified one of the great commandments. He has displayed an administrative capacity of a very high order, exercised sound judgment in deciding the most diverse questions, dispatched the multifarious details of every day's duty with discriminating aptitude, and employed the strictest and most impartial (and therefore the wisest) disciplinary methods in dealing with officers and cadets. He has kept a watchful eye on the various departments of instruction, visiting the different sections of each class frequently and from time to time, and kept himself thoroughly well informed of the standing and conduct of every member of the Corps of Cadets. He made it a practice of encouraging the worthy to higher efforts, of warning those in danger, and gave to all the impression that each was the special object of his attention. It requires no prophet to predict what will be the character of the fruit of his labor in the future conduct and service of the many young officers who have had the advantage of his guidance.

West Point, N. Y., April 8, 1898.

The War Department, April 3, directed General Miles to send an officer to the Indian Territory to investigate the threatened Choctaw troubles. Colonel E. F. Townsend, 12th Infantry, commander of Fort Leavenworth, has been sent.

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. H.—Service in the Marine Corps counts towards retirement and admission to the Soldier's Home at Washington, D. C.

McK. asks: Will an acting hospital steward on his second enlistment be eligible for re-enlistment at the expiration of his present term? **Ans.**—Yes.

J. T.—Is a person who deserted the Service in 1878 still liable to Court-martial? **Ans.**—No. He is entitled, on proper application, to a "deserter's release."

C. B. T.—There has been no change in the act of April 11, 1890, with regard to deserters. In the case you cite the man seems to be entitled to a "Deserter's Release."

P. asks: "Can a man discharged as a private with 20 years service, on July 2, 1893, re-enlist according to Army Appropriation Act, approved Feb. 27, 1893?" **Ans.**—Yes.

S. P.—There are now 24 Army paymasters with the rank of Major. The number authorized by law is 25. President Cleveland has so far not made a selection to fill the vacancy.

D. R. R.—The increase of pay to non-commissioned officers of the Army does not affect the pay of those non-commissioned officers who were retired previous to the passage of the act.

Michigan.—I have served two 3-year enlistments during the civil war, and ten years in the Regular Army since the war. I would wish to know if my war service will count double for me, as I want to enlist? **Ans.**—It will count double.

S. S.—If you have been continuously in service (including Marine Corps) since Sept. 18, 1864, to the present time, you could retire for age in February, 1894. But you are indefinite as to whether or not your service has been continuous since September, 1864.

C. asks: If a detective should enlist in the Army, would he be discharged if the fact of his occupation was discovered? **Ans.**—Not necessarily. If there were special circumstances for the enlistment connected with the discovery of crime, the War Department might issue a discharge on proper representation.

Unfaithful asks: What constitutes unfaithful service under G. O. 80 of 1890, and if furlough is refused under that G. O. can discharge be obtained at end of 3 years and 3 months' service? **Ans.**—Numerous trials by Court-martial for drunkenness, absence without leave, etc., constitute unfaithful service under G. O. 80. Furlough and discharge under that order go hand in hand. If former is refused, for cause, latter will be also.

J. E. W.—1. Does an applicant for appointment as Commissary Sergeant, U. S. Army, take precedence for examination, according to his length of service in the Army and as a noncommissioned officer? 2. After examination, is he placed on the list for appointment according to the percentage he obtains, without regard to length of service? 3. How many applicants who have passed the required examination are now awaiting appointment? 4. If an applicant who is hereafter examined obtains a higher percentage than some of those awaiting appointment, will he take precedence of them on the list for appointment? **Ans.**—About the only fixed rule the Department now has for the appointment of commissary sergeants is selection for examination according to the supposed qualifications of candidates, as shown by their recommendations, and appointment after examination according to merit.

Reader.—Brooklyn. State your age and then we will answer.

W. J. S. asks: Does the Government issue ruled company duty rosters for use in the Army. **Ans.**—No.

W. A. M.—When does the next vacancy for cadet ship at Cleveland, occur for the 20th Congressional District of Ohio? **Ans.**—It is now vacant for West Point.

W. H. W.—The regulations contemplate that a man shall have served a full year before he can apply to purchase his discharge. Retained pay can be used towards purchase.

C. J. C.—1. Can I get a photograph of any vessel in the Navy that I may select? 2. Who is the official photographer of the Navy? 3. Can I get a steel engraving of any vessel in the Navy? **Ans.**—Address L. H. Hart, photographer, N. Y. City. He has numerous photographic views of naval vessels.

F. L. H.—Local laws govern the limit of residence in a district necessary to make a boy eligible for appointment to West Point. Any voter can tell you what the limit is. Actual residence is held by the War Department to be necessary, but Congressmen have been known to appoint persons not actually belonging to their districts. The 8th Penn. District will not be vacant until 1897. President Cleveland will have one appointment at large next year.

W. W. K. asks "how long a residence in a Congressional District is required to qualify a boy to be a candidate for the Military Academy or the Naval Academy?" **Ans.**—Local laws govern. In some districts a few months is sufficient; in others two years are necessary. Your member of Congress will no doubt be able to inform you as to the law of your district.

W. D. H. writes: In reference to the foot note to No. 290 in your issue of March 4, I judge from what Col. Bess says that the arm should not be raised in any case except in the School of the Soldier. Such as par. 248, and par. 310. That is, that the men should dress without raising the arm. Am I correct? Where the men have been instructed to raise the left arm in dressing in the School of the Soldier it will be very difficult to keep them from doing the same when they dress in the School of the Company. **Ans.**—You are right, but the interpretation that the arm should on ly be raised in the School of the Soldier is generally ignored. Adjutant General Porter, of New York, has issued an order, as will doubtless others, that the left arm must be raised in all alignments.

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## BIRTHS.

IRWIN.—At Fort Monroe, Va., March 24, to the wife of Lieutenant G. Le Roy Irwin, 3d U. S. Artillery, a son.

POORE.—At Fort Leavenworth, March 13, to the wife of Lieutenant B. A. Poore, 6th U. S. Infantry, a daughter.

## MARRIED.

CHAPLIN—WATTS.—On Tuesday, April 4, at Morristown, N. J., by the Rev. Albert Erdman, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Alfred A. Brush, MARY, daughter of Wm. and Mary Bigelow Watts, to STEWART CHAPLIN, of New York City.

KECKE—WILLIAMS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, April 4, Lieutenant FRANK B. KECKE, 8th U. S. Infantry, to Miss CLARA JAY WILLIAMS.

WHEELER—LENTILLO.—At Trinity Chapel, New York City, April 3, Lieutenant CHARLES BREWSTER WHEELER, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., to Miss ZELLA LENTILLO, daughter of Mr. Joseph Lentillo.

## DIED.

BERDAN.—At the Metropolitan Hotel, Washington, D. C., March 31, General HIRSH BERDAN, U. S. V.

BRIDGE.—At Athens, Pa., March 18, Pay Director HORACE BRIDGE, U. S. Navy, retired.

BURN.—At Washington, D. C., March 25, FREDERICK BURN, father of Capt. John W. Burn, 4th U. S. Infantry.

BURN.—At Spokane, Wash., March 15, the infant son Chas. H. and Una C. Burn, and grandson of Capt. John Burn. The little life lasted but a few hours, leaving parents bereaved a second time within a year.

CORBIN.—On Easter Sunday evening, April 2, RICHARD STRICKLE CORBIN, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Henry C. and Frances Strickle Corbin, in the seventeenth year of her age. Funeral at Wilmington, Ohio.

GROVE.—On Wednesday, March 29, at 6:30 P. M., at his residence, 1807 I street northwest, Washington, D. C., GEORGE W. GROVE, son of the late Lieutenant Thomas G. Grove, U. S. N., and Virginia Grove, aged 23 years.

HAMILTON.—At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 1, PHILIP HAMILTON, mother of the late Captain Louis Lane Hamilton, 7th U. S. Cavalry.

HINMAN.—At Brooklyn, N. Y., March 30, RANSOM P. HINMAN, father-in-law of Chief Engineer Ralph Astor, U. S. Navy.

HOLABIRD.—At Evanston, Ill., March 20, MARY, second daughter of Mr. Wm. Holabird and granddaughter of General S. B. Holabird, U. S. Army, retired.

RICE.—At Coronado Beach, Cal., March 20, MARY A. RICE, widow of the late Hon. John B. Rice, of Calicut, Ill., in the 74th year of her age.

SMITH.—At Washington, D. C., March 20, MARGARET, wife of Charles Smith, clerk, Adjutant-General's Office, and mother of the late Lieutenant Charles Smith, Jr., 5th Infantry.

TAYLOR.—In loving remembrance of ASHER CLAY TAYLOR, eldest son of Captain and Mrs. A. C. Taylor, U. S. Artillery, who died March 7, 1893, these lines are written by one who knew and loved him well:

The bells in the belfry gray  
Were tolling for evening prayer—  
For us the close of another day;  
For him the dawn that we may not share!

For us the darkness of time and things—  
The shadowy presence we saw descend;  
For him the beating of imminent wings,  
The smile and touch of his Brother and Friend.

For us the helpless and folded hands,  
The idle wish to aid and save;  
For him the vision of golden sands,  
The waiting boat and the reluctant wave.

For us the night, the dark, the obscure—  
The eyes that watch but cannot weep;  
For him the Haven that is sure!  
"He Giveth His Beloved Sleep."

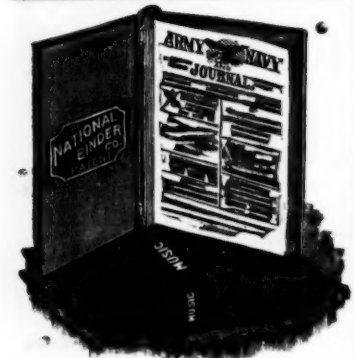
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VERNOU.—On Easter Sunday, LUCY M., wife of Captain Charles A. Vernou, 19th Infantry.

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